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(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the transition period from to .

Commission file number 001-33099

BlackRock, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of

32-0174431
(I.R.S. Employer

Incorporation or Organization)

Identification No.)

55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10055

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(212) 810-5300

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or, a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of April 30, 2012, there were 139,708,882 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

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Table of Contents**PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements****BlackRock, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition****(Dollar amounts in millions, except share data)****(unaudited)**

| | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,552 | \$ 3,506 |
| Accounts receivable | 2,312 | 1,960 |
| Due from related parties | 139 | 142 |
| Investments | 1,951 | 1,631 |
| Assets of consolidated variable interest entities: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 95 | 54 |
| Bank loans and other investments | 1,554 | 1,639 |
| Separate account assets | 123,167 | 118,871 |
| Collateral held under securities lending agreements | 22,342 | 20,918 |
| Deferred sales commissions, net | 34 | 38 |
| Property and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation of \$514 and \$483 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively) | 545 | 537 |
| Intangible assets (net of accumulated amortization of \$790 and \$751 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively) | 17,480 | 17,356 |
| Goodwill | 12,899 | 12,792 |
| Other assets | 448 | 452 |
| Total assets | \$ 185,518 | \$ 179,896 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | \$ 551 | \$ 1,383 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 1,260 | 923 |
| Due to related parties | 24 | 22 |
| Short-term borrowings | 100 | 100 |
| Liabilities of consolidated variable interest entities: | | |
| Borrowings | 1,547 | 1,574 |
| Other liabilities | 9 | 9 |
| Long-term borrowings | 4,690 | 4,690 |
| Separate account liabilities | 123,167 | 118,871 |
| Collateral liabilities under securities lending agreements | 22,342 | 20,918 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | 5,429 | 5,323 |
| Other liabilities | 796 | 721 |
| Total liabilities | 159,915 | 154,534 |

Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)

Temporary equity

Redeemable non-controlling interests

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Table of Contents**BlackRock, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Condition (continued)****(Dollar amounts in millions, except share data)****(unaudited)**

| | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Permanent Equity | | |
| BlackRock, Inc. stockholders' equity | | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value; | 1 | 1 |
| Shares authorized: 500,000,000 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011; | | |
| Shares issued: 140,127,791 and 139,880,380 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively; | | |
| Shares outstanding: 139,560,520 and 138,463,135 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively | | |
| Preferred stock (Note 15) | | |
| Additional paid-in capital | 20,107 | 20,275 |
| Retained earnings | 5,333 | 5,046 |
| Appropriated retained earnings | 57 | 72 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (90) | (127) |
| Escrow shares, common, at cost (3,603 shares held at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011) | (1) | (1) |
| Treasury stock, common, at cost (563,668 and 1,413,642 shares held at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively) | (104) | (218) |
| Total BlackRock, Inc. stockholders' equity | 25,303 | 25,048 |
| Nonredeemable non-controlling interests | 185 | 184 |
| Nonredeemable non-controlling interests of consolidated variable interest entities | 36 | 38 |
| Total permanent equity | 25,524 | 25,270 |
| Total liabilities, temporary equity and permanent equity | \$ 185,518 | \$ 179,896 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**BlackRock, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income**

(Dollar amounts in millions, except per share data)

(unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Revenue | | |
| Investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue | | |
| Related parties | \$ 1,314 | \$ 1,357 |
| Other third parties | 663 | 627 |
| Investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue | 1,977 | 1,984 |
| Investment advisory performance fees | 80 | 83 |
| <i>BlackRock Solutions</i> and advisory | 123 | 128 |
| Distribution fees | 19 | 28 |
| Other revenue | 50 | 59 |
| Total revenue | 2,249 | 2,282 |
| Expenses | | |
| Employee compensation and benefits | 825 | 830 |
| Distribution and servicing costs | | |
| Related parties | 1 | 1 |
| Other third parties | 94 | 108 |
| Amortization of deferred sales commissions | 16 | 22 |
| Direct fund expenses | 152 | 143 |
| General and administration | 307 | 340 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 39 | 40 |
| Total expenses | 1,434 | 1,484 |
| Operating income | 815 | 798 |
| Non-operating income (expense) | | |
| Net gain (loss) on investments | 75 | 59 |
| Net gain (loss) on consolidated variable interest entities | (12) | (15) |
| Interest and dividend income | 9 | 9 |
| Interest expense | (49) | (38) |
| Total non-operating income (expense) | 23 | 15 |
| Income before income taxes | 838 | 813 |
| Income tax expense | 263 | 249 |
| Net income | 575 | 564 |
| Less: | | |
| Net income (loss) attributable to redeemable non-controlling interests | 1 | |
| Net income (loss) attributable to nonredeemable non-controlling interests | 2 | (4) |
| Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. | \$ 572 | \$ 568 |

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|--|-------------|-------------|
| Earnings per share attributable to BlackRock, Inc. common stockholders: | | |
| Basic | \$ 3.19 | \$ 2.92 |
| Diluted | \$ 3.14 | \$ 2.89 |
| Cash dividends declared and paid per share | \$ 1.50 | \$ 1.375 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 179,022,840 | 191,797,365 |
| Diluted | 181,917,864 | 194,296,504 |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**BlackRock, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income****(Dollar amounts in millions)****(unaudited)**

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---|---------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net income | \$ 575 | \$ 564 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | |
| Change in net unrealized gains (losses) from available-for-sale investments, net of tax: | | |
| Unrealized holding gains (losses), net of tax | 6 | 1 |
| Less: reclassification adjustment included in net income | 1 | 1 |
| Net change in unrealized gains (losses) from available-for-sale investments, net of tax ⁽¹⁾ | 5 | |
| Minimum pension liability adjustment | (1) | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 33 | 44 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | 37 | 44 |
| Comprehensive income | 612 | 608 |
| Less: Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests | 3 | (4) |
| Comprehensive income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. | \$ 609 | \$ 612 |

⁽¹⁾ The tax benefit (expense) on unrealized holding gains (losses) was (\$3) million and zero during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**BlackRock, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity**

(Dollar amounts in millions)

(unaudited)

| | Additional Paid-in Capital (1) | Retained Earnings | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Common Shares in Escrow | Treasury Stock Common | Total Stockholder Equity | Nonredeemable Non-controlling Interests | Nonredeemable Non-controlling Interests of Consolidated VIEs | Total Permanent Equity | Redeemable Non-controlling Interests / Temporary Equity |
|--|---|----------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|--|
| December 31, 2011 | \$ 20,276 | \$ 5,046 | \$ 72 | (\$ 127) | (\$ 1) | (\$ 218) | \$ 25,048 | \$ 184 | \$ 38 | \$ 25,270 | \$ 92 |
| Net income | | 572 | | | | | 572 | 14 | (12) | 574 | 1 |
| Allocation of losses of consolidated collateralized loan obligations | | | | (15) | | | (15) | | 15 | | |
| Dividends paid | | (285) | | | | | (285) | | | (285) | |
| Stock-based compensation | 114 | | | | | | 114 | | | 114 | |
| Merrill Lynch cash capital contribution | 7 | | | | | | 7 | | | 7 | |
| Issuance of common shares related to employee stock transactions | (335) | | | | | 376 | 41 | | | 41 | |
| Employee tax benefit withholdings related to employee stock transactions | | | | | | (137) | (137) | | | (137) | |
| Shares repurchased | | | | | | (125) | (125) | | | (125) | |
| Net tax benefit (shortfall) from stock-based compensation | 46 | | | | | | 46 | | | 46 | |
| Minimum pension liability adjustment | | | | (1) | | | (1) | | | (1) | |
| Subscriptions (redemptions/ distributions) - non-controlling interest holders | | | | | | | | (12) | (5) | (17) | 144 |
| Net consolidations (deconsolidations) of sponsored investment funds | | | | | | | | (1) | | (1) | (158) |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | | | | 33 | | | 33 | | | 33 | |
| Change in net unrealized gain (loss) from available-for-sale investments, net of tax | | | | 5 | | | 5 | | | 5 | |
| March 31, 2012 | \$ 20,108 | \$ 5,333 | \$ 57 | (\$ 90) | (\$ 1) | (\$ 104) | \$ 25,303 | \$ 185 | \$ 36 | \$ 25,524 | \$ 79 |

(1) Amount includes \$1 million of common stock at both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**BlackRock, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity**

(Dollar amounts in millions)

(unaudited)

| | Additional Paid-in Capital (1) | Retained Earnings | Appropriated Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | Common Shares Held in Escrow | Treasury Stock Common | Total Stockholder Equity | Nonredeemable Non-controlling Interests | Nonredeemable of consolidated VIEs | Total Permanent Equity | Redeemable Non-controlling Interests / | Temporary Equity |
|--|---|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| December 31, 2010 | \$ 22,504 | \$ 3,723 | \$ 75 | (\$ 96) | (\$ 1) | (\$ 111) | \$ 26,094 | \$ 189 | \$ 45 | \$ 26,328 | | \$ 6 |
| Net income | | 568 | | | | | 568 | 11 | (15) | 564 | | |
| Allocation of losses of consolidated collateralized loan obligations | | | (17) | | | | (17) | | 17 | | | |
| Dividends paid, net of dividend expense for unvested RSUs | | (272) | | | | | (272) | | | (272) | | |
| Stock-based compensation | 137 | | | | | | 137 | | | 137 | | |
| Merrill Lynch cash capital contribution | 8 | | | | | | 8 | | | 8 | | |
| Net issuance of common shares related to employee stock transactions | (205) | | | | | 109 | (96) | | | (96) | | |
| Net tax benefit (shortfall) from stock-based compensation | 13 | | | | | | 13 | | | 13 | | |
| Subscriptions/ (redemptions/ distributions) - non-controlling interest holders | | | | | | | | (12) | (2) | (14) | | |
| Net consolidations (deconsolidations) of sponsored investment funds | | | | | | | | | | | | (2) |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | | | | 44 | | | 44 | | | 44 | | |
| March 31, 2011 | \$ 22,457 | \$ 4,019 | \$ 58 | (\$ 52) | (\$ 1) | (\$ 2) | \$ 26,479 | \$ 188 | \$ 45 | \$ 26,712 | | \$ 4 |

(1) Amount includes \$1 million of common stock and \$1 million of preferred stock at both March 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010. See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**BlackRock, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows****(Dollar amounts in millions)****(unaudited)**

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---|-------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net income | \$ 575 | \$ 564 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 73 | 73 |
| Amortization of deferred sales commissions | 16 | 22 |
| Stock-based compensation | 114 | 137 |
| Deferred income tax expense (benefit) | 65 | 48 |
| Net (gains) losses on non-trading investments | (39) | (22) |
| Purchases of investments within consolidated funds | (53) | (1) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments within consolidated funds | 18 | 9 |
| Assets and liabilities of consolidated VIEs: | | |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents | (41) | (40) |
| Net (gains) losses within consolidated VIEs | 12 | 15 |
| Net (purchases) proceeds within consolidated VIEs | 122 | 42 |
| (Earnings) losses from equity method investees | (45) | (41) |
| Distributions of earnings from equity method investees | 8 | 5 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (344) | (130) |
| Due from related parties | 3 | |
| Deferred sales commissions | (12) | (16) |
| Investments, trading | (176) | (1) |
| Other assets | 24 | (68) |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | (853) | (982) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 320 | 292 |
| Due to related parties | 1 | (31) |
| Other liabilities | 110 | (31) |
| Cash flows from operating activities | (102) | (156) |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Purchases of investments | (175) | (53) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments | 76 | 104 |
| Distributions of capital from equity method investees | 12 | 17 |
| Net consolidations (deconsolidations) of sponsored investment funds | (149) | |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired | (210) | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (41) | (83) |
| Cash flows from investing activities | (487) | (15) |

Table of Contents**BlackRock, Inc.****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (continued)****(Dollar amounts in millions)****(unaudited)**

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|--|-------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Repayments of short-term borrowings | | (100) |
| Repayments of convertible debt | | (4) |
| Cash dividends paid | (285) | (272) |
| Proceeds from stock options exercised | 39 | 9 |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock | 2 | 1 |
| Repurchases of common stock | (262) | (106) |
| Merrill Lynch cash capital contribution | 7 | 8 |
| Repayments of borrowings by consolidated VIEs | (76) | |
| Net (redemptions/distributions paid) subscriptions received from non-controlling interests holders | 127 | (14) |
| Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation | 55 | 13 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | (393) | (465) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 28 | 48 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (954) | (588) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 3,506 | 3,367 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 2,552 | \$ 2,779 |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: | | |
| Cash paid for: | | |
| Interest | \$ 25 | \$ 24 |
| Interest on borrowings of consolidated VIEs | \$ 18 | \$ 15 |
| Income taxes | \$ 91 | \$ 132 |
| Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing transactions: | | |
| Issuance of common stock | \$ 335 | \$ 206 |
| Increase (decrease) in non-controlling interests due to net consolidation (deconsolidation) of sponsored investment funds | (\$ 159) | \$ |
| | See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements. | |

Table of Contents**BlackRock, Inc.****Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements****(unaudited)****1. Business Overview**

BlackRock, Inc. (together, with its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise indicates, BlackRock or the Company) provides diversified investment management services to institutional clients, intermediary and individual investors through various investment vehicles. Investment management services primarily consist of the management of equity, fixed income, multi-asset class, alternative investment and cash management products. BlackRock offers its investment products in a variety of vehicles, including open-end and closed-end mutual funds, *iShares*[®] exchange-traded funds (ETFs), collective investment trusts and separate accounts. In addition, BlackRock provides market risk management, financial markets advisory and enterprise investment system services to a broad base of clients. Financial markets advisory services include valuation services relating to illiquid securities, dispositions and workout assignments (including long-term portfolio liquidation assignments), risk management and strategic planning and execution.

On March 31, 2012, equity ownership of BlackRock was as follows:

| | Voting Common Stock | Capital Stock⁽¹⁾ |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (PNC) | 23.8% | 20.9% |
| Barclays Bank PLC (Barclays) | 2.2% | 19.6% |
| Other | 74.0% | 59.5% |
| | 100.0% | 100.0% |

⁽¹⁾ Includes outstanding common and non-voting preferred stock.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation. These condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) and include the accounts of the Company and its controlled subsidiaries. Non-controlling interests on the condensed consolidated statements of financial condition include the portion of consolidated sponsored investment funds in which the Company does not have direct equity ownership. Significant accounts and transactions between consolidated entities have been eliminated.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Certain financial information that normally is included in annual financial statements, including certain financial statement footnotes, is not required for interim reporting purposes and has been condensed or omitted herein. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company s consolidated financial statements and notes related thereto included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on February 28, 2012 (2011 Form 10-K).

The interim financial information at March 31, 2012 and for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 is unaudited. However, in the opinion of management, the interim information includes all normal recurring adjustments necessary for the fair presentation of the Company s results for the periods presented. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the full year.

Table of Contents**2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)*****Fair Value Measurements.***

Hierarchy of Fair Value Inputs. The provisions of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (ASC 820-10) establish a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value and require companies to disclose the fair value of their financial instruments according to the fair value hierarchy (i.e., Level 1, 2 and 3 inputs, as defined). The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

Assets and liabilities measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level 1 Inputs:

Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the reporting date.

Level 1 assets may include listed mutual funds (including those accounted for under the equity method of accounting as these mutual funds are investment companies that have publicly available net asset values (NAVs) which, in accordance with GAAP, are calculated under fair value measures and the changes are equal to the earnings of such funds), ETFs, equities and certain exchange-traded derivatives.

Level 2 Inputs:

Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities that are not active; quotes from pricing services or brokers for which the Company can determine that orderly transactions took place at the quoted price or that the inputs used to arrive at the price were observable; and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, such as models or other valuation methodologies. As a practical expedient, the Company relies on the NAV (or its equivalent) of certain investments as their fair value.

Level 2 assets may include debt securities, bank loans, short-term floating rate notes and asset-backed securities, securities held within consolidated hedge funds and certain equity method limited partnership interests in hedge funds valued based on NAV where the Company has the ability to redeem at the measurement date or within the near term without redemption restrictions, restricted public securities valued at a discount, as well as over-the-counter derivatives, including interest and inflation rate swaps and foreign currency exchange contracts that have inputs to the valuations that generally can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Inputs:

Unobservable inputs for the valuation of the asset or liability, which may include non-binding broker quotes. Level 3 assets include investments for which there is little, if any, market activity. These inputs require significant management judgment or estimation. Certain investments that are valued using a NAV and are subject to current redemption restrictions that will not be lifted in the near term are included in Level 3.

Level 3 assets may include general and limited partnership interests in private equity funds, funds of private equity funds, real estate funds, hedge funds and funds of hedge funds, direct private equity investments held within consolidated funds, bank loans and bonds.

Level 3 inputs may include BlackRock capital accounts for its partnership interests in various alternative investments, including distressed credit hedge funds, real estate and private equity funds, which may be adjusted by using the returns of certain market indices.

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Level 3 liabilities include borrowings of consolidated collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) valued based upon non-binding single broker quotes.

The Company s assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the financial instrument.

Table of Contents**2. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)***Fair Value Measurements (continued)*

Valuation Techniques. The fair values of certain Level 3 assets and liabilities were determined using various methodologies as appropriate, including NAVs of underlying investments, third-party pricing vendors, broker quotes and market and income approaches. These inputs are evaluated for reasonableness through various procedures, including due diligence reviews of third-party pricing vendors, variance analysis, consideration of current market environment and other analytical procedures.

As a practical expedient, the Company relies on NAV as the fair value for certain investments. The inputs to value these investments may include BlackRock capital accounts for its partnership interests in various alternative investments, including distressed credit hedge funds, real estate and private equity funds, which may be adjusted by using the returns of certain market indices. The various partnerships are investment companies, which record their underlying investments at fair value based on fair value policies established by management of the underlying fund. Fair value policies at the underlying fund generally require the fund to utilize pricing/valuation information, including independent appraisals from third-party sources. However, in some instances, current valuation information for illiquid securities or securities in markets that are not active may not be available from any third-party source or fund management may conclude that the valuations that are available from third-party sources are not reliable. In these instances, fund management may perform model-based analytical valuations that may be used as an input to value these investments.

A significant amount of inputs used to value equity, debt securities and bank loans are sourced from well-recognized third-party pricing vendors. Generally, prices obtained from pricing vendors are categorized as Level 1 inputs for identical securities traded in active markets and as Level 2 for other similar securities if the vendor uses observable inputs in determining the price. Annually, BlackRock's internal valuation committee or other designated groups review both the valuation methodology, including the general assumptions and methods used to value various asset classes, and operational process with these vendors. In addition, on a quarterly basis meetings are held with the vendors to identify any significant changes to the vendors' processes.

In addition, quotes obtained from brokers generally are non-binding and categorized as Level 3 inputs. However, if the Company is able to determine that market participants have transacted for the asset in an orderly manner near the quoted price or if the Company can determine that the inputs used by the broker are observable, the quote is classified as a Level 2 input.

Fair Value Option. ASC 825-10, *Financial Instruments* (ASC 825-10), provides a fair value option election that allows companies an irrevocable election to use fair value as the initial and subsequent accounting measurement attribute for certain financial assets and liabilities. ASC 825-10 permits entities to elect to measure eligible financial assets and liabilities at fair value on an ongoing basis. Unrealized gains and losses on items for which the fair value option has been elected are reported in earnings. The decision to elect the fair value option is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis, must be applied to an entire instrument and is irrevocable once elected. Assets and liabilities measured at fair value pursuant to ASC 825-10 are required to be reported separately from those instruments measured using another accounting method.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities. ASC 815-10, *Derivatives and Hedging* (ASC 815-10), establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments, including certain derivatives embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities. ASC 815-10 generally requires an entity to recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities on the condensed consolidated statements of financial condition and to measure those investments at fair value.

The Company does not use derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. The Company uses derivative financial instruments primarily for purposes of hedging: (i) exposures to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates of certain assets and liabilities, (ii) market exposures for certain seed investments and (iii) future cash flows on floating rate notes. The Company may also use derivatives within separate account assets, which are segregated funds held for purposes of funding individual and group pension contracts, or in connection with capital support agreements with affiliated investment companies. In addition, certain consolidated sponsored investment funds may also invest in derivatives as a part of their investment strategy.

Changes in the fair value of the Company's derivative financial instruments generally are recognized in earnings and, where applicable, are offset by the corresponding gain or loss on the related foreign-denominated assets or liabilities or hedged investments, on the condensed consolidated statements of income.

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Collateral Assets Held and Liabilities Under Securities Lending Agreements. The Company facilitates securities lending arrangements whereby securities held by separate account assets maintained by BlackRock's registered life insurance company are lent to third parties. In exchange, the Company receives collateral, principally cash and securities, with minimums generally ranging from approximately 102% to 112% of the value of the securities lent in order to reduce counterparty risk. Under the Company's securities lending arrangements, the Company can resell or re-pledge the collateral and the borrower can re-sell or re-pledge the loaned securities. The securities lending transactions entered into by the Company are accompanied by an agreement that entitles the Company to request the borrower to return the securities at any time; therefore, these transactions are not reported as sales under ASC 860, *Transfers and Servicing*.

As a result of the Company's ability to resell or repledge the collateral combined with the fact the activity is in a registered life insurance company, the Company records on its condensed consolidated statements of financial condition the collateral received under these arrangements (both cash and non-cash) as its own asset in addition to an equal and offsetting collateral liability for the obligation to return the collateral. At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the fair value of loaned securities held by separate account assets was approximately \$20.7 billion and \$19.5 billion, respectively, and the collateral held under these securities lending agreements was approximately \$22.3 billion and \$20.9 billion, respectively. During the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company had not sold or repledged any of the collateral received under these arrangements.

Appropriated Retained Earnings. Upon adoption of Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2009-17, Improvements to Financial Reporting by Enterprises Involved with Variable Interest Entities (ASU 2009-17), on January 1, 2010, BlackRock consolidated three CLOs and recorded a cumulative effect adjustment to appropriated retained earnings on the condensed consolidated statement of financial condition equal to the difference between the fair value of the CLOs' assets and the fair value of their liabilities. Such amounts are recorded as appropriated retained earnings as the CLO noteholders, not BlackRock, ultimately will receive the benefits or absorb the losses associated with the CLOs' assets and liabilities. Subsequent to the adoption of ASU 2009-17, the net change in the fair value of the CLOs' assets and liabilities has been recorded as net income (loss) attributable to nonredeemable non-controlling interests and as an adjustment to appropriated retained earnings. In addition, on September 30, 2011, BlackRock consolidated one additional CLO, resulting in \$19 million of additional appropriated retained earnings upon the initial consolidation.

Accounting Policies Adopted in the Three Months Ended March 31, 2012

Amendments to Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures. On January 1, 2012, the Company adopted the applicable provisions of ASU 2011-04, *Fair Value Measurement: Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs* (ASU 2011-04). ASU 2011-04 clarified existing fair value measurement guidance and changed certain principles or requirements for measuring fair value or disclosing information about fair value measurements. The adoption of ASU 2011-04 did not materially impact BlackRock's condensed consolidated financial statements.

Table of Contents**3. Investments**

A summary of the carrying value of total investments is as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Available-for-sale investments | \$ 134 | \$ 52 |
| Held-to-maturity investments | 109 | 105 |
| Trading investments: | | |
| Consolidated sponsored investment funds | 202 | 214 |
| Other equity securities and debt securities | 14 | 7 |
| Deferred compensation plan mutual funds | 49 | 46 |
| Total trading investments | 265 | 267 |
| Other investments: | | |
| Consolidated sponsored investment funds | 443 | 373 |
| Equity method investments | 584 | 457 |
| Deferred compensation plan hedge fund equity method investments | 12 | 19 |
| Cost method investments ⁽¹⁾ | 338 | 337 |
| Carried interest | 66 | 21 |
| Total other investments | 1,443 | 1,207 |
| Total investments | \$ 1,951 | \$ 1,631 |

⁽¹⁾ Amounts primarily include Federal Reserve Bank Stock

At March 31, 2012, the Company consolidated \$645 million of investments held by consolidated sponsored investment funds (non-VIEs) of which \$202 million and \$443 million were classified as trading investments and other investments, respectively. At December 31, 2011, the Company consolidated \$587 million of investments held by consolidated sponsored investment funds (non-VIEs) of which \$214 million and \$373 million were classified as trading investments and other investments, respectively.

Table of Contents**3. Investments (continued)****Available-for-Sale Investments**

A summary of the cost and carrying value of investments classified as available-for-sale investments is as follows:

(Dollar amounts in millions)

| | | Gross Unrealized | | Carrying |
|--|--------|------------------|--------|----------|
| | Cost | Gains | Losses | Value |
| March 31, 2012 | | | | |
| <u>Equity securities:</u> | | | | |
| Sponsored investment funds | \$ 127 | \$ 5 | (\$ 1) | \$ 131 |
| Collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) | 1 | | | 1 |
| <u>Debt securities:</u> | | | | |
| Asset-backed debt | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Total available-for-sale investments | \$ 129 | \$ 6 | (\$ 1) | \$ 134 |

| | | Gross Unrealized | | Carrying |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------|--------|----------|
| | Cost | Gains | Losses | Value |
| December 31, 2011 | | | | |
| <u>Equity securities:</u> | | | | |
| Sponsored investment funds | \$ 52 | \$ | (\$ 2) | \$ 50 |
| CDOs | 1 | | | 1 |
| <u>Debt securities:</u> | | | | |
| Asset-backed debt | 1 | | | 1 |
| Total available-for-sale investments | \$ 54 | \$ | (\$ 2) | \$ 52 |

Available-for-sale investments included seed investments in BlackRock sponsored investment mutual funds.

Held-to-Maturity Investments

The carrying value of held-to-maturity investments was \$109 million and \$105 million at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. Held-to-maturity investments included foreign government debt held for regulatory purposes and the amortized cost (the carrying value) of these investments approximates fair value. The amortized cost of debt securities classified as held-to-maturity at March 31, 2012 by maturity date was as follows:

| | 1 Year or less | After 1 Year through 5 Years | After 5 Years through 10 Years | After 10 Years | Total |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------|--------|
| (Dollar amounts in millions) | | | | | |
| Foreign government debt | \$ 100 | \$ | \$ | \$ 9 | \$ 109 |

Table of Contents**3. Investments (continued)****Trading Investments**

A summary of the cost and carrying value of trading investments is as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, 2012 | | December 31, 2011 | |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| | Cost | Carrying Value | Cost | Carrying Value |
| Trading investments: | | | | |
| Deferred compensation plan mutual funds | \$ 45 | \$ 49 | \$ 45 | \$ 46 |
| Equity securities | 188 | 194 | 174 | 169 |
| Debt securities: | | | | |
| Foreign debt | | | 12 | 12 |
| Corporate debt | 23 | 22 | 39 | 40 |
| Total trading investments | \$ 256 | \$ 265 | \$ 270 | \$ 267 |

At March 31, 2012, trading investments included \$180 million of equity securities and \$22 million of debt securities held by consolidated sponsored investment funds, \$49 million of certain deferred compensation plan mutual fund investments and \$14 million of equity and debt securities held in separate investment accounts for the purpose of establishing an investment history in various investment strategies before being marketed to investors.

Other Investments

A summary of the cost and carrying value of other investments is as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, 2012 | | December 31, 2011 | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | Cost | Carrying Value | Cost | Carrying Value |
| Other investments: | | | | |
| Consolidated sponsored investment funds | \$ 388 | \$ 443 | \$ 345 | \$ 373 |
| Equity method | 566 | 584 | 487 | 457 |
| Deferred compensation plan hedge fund equity method investments | 15 | 12 | 17 | 19 |
| Cost method investments: | | | | |
| Federal Reserve Bank stock | 329 | 329 | 328 | 328 |
| Other | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Total cost method investments | 338 | 338 | 337 | 337 |
| Carried interest | | 66 | | 21 |
| Total other investments | \$ 1,307 | \$ 1,443 | \$ 1,186 | \$ 1,207 |

Consolidated sponsored investment funds include third-party private equity funds, direct investments in private companies and third-party hedge funds held by BlackRock sponsored investment funds.

Equity method investments include BlackRock's direct investments in BlackRock sponsored investment products.

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Cost method investments include non-marketable securities, including Federal Reserve Bank stock, which is held for regulatory purposes and is restricted from sale. As of March 31, 2012, there were no indicators of impairments on these investments.

Carried interest represents allocations to BlackRock general partner capital accounts for certain funds. These balances are subject to change upon cash distributions, additional allocations or reallocations back to limited partners within the respective funds.

Table of Contents**4. Consolidated Sponsored Investment Funds**

The Company consolidates certain sponsored investment funds primarily because it is deemed to control such funds in accordance with GAAP. The investments owned by these consolidated sponsored investment funds are classified as trading or other investments. The following table presents the balances related to these consolidated funds that were included on the condensed consolidated statements of financial condition as well as BlackRock's net interest in these funds:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 99 | \$ 196 |
| Investments: | | |
| Trading investments | 202 | 214 |
| Other investments | 443 | 373 |
| Other assets | 9 | 5 |
| Other liabilities | (38) | (37) |
| Non-controlling interests | (264) | (276) |
| BlackRock's net interests in consolidated investment funds | \$ 451 | \$ 475 |

BlackRock's total exposure to consolidated sponsored investment funds of \$451 million and \$475 million at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, represents the value of the Company's economic ownership interest in these sponsored investment funds. Valuation changes associated with these consolidated investment funds are reflected in non-operating income (expense) and partially offset in net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests for the portion not attributable to BlackRock.

In addition, at both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, four consolidated CLOs and one other consolidated sponsored investment fund, which were deemed to be variable interest entities (VIEs), were excluded from the balances in the table above as the balances for these investment products are reported separately on the condensed consolidated statements of financial condition. See Note 6, Variable Interest Entities, for further discussion on these consolidated products.

The Company may not be readily able to access cash and cash equivalents held by consolidated sponsored investment funds to use in its operating activities. In addition, the Company may not be readily able to sell investments held by consolidated sponsored investment funds in order to obtain cash for use in its operations.

Table of Contents**5. Fair Value Disclosures*****Fair Value Hierarchy***

Total assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis of \$147.4 billion at March 31, 2012 were as follows:

| | Assets measured at fair value | | | | March 31, 2012 |
|---|--|---|--|--|-------------------|
| | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Other Assets Not Held at Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ | |
| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | | | | | |
| Assets: | | | | | |
| <u>Investments</u> | | | | | |
| Available-for-sale: | | | | | |
| Equity securities (funds and CDOs) | \$ 131 | \$ | \$ 1 | \$ | \$ 132 |
| Debt securities | | 2 | | | 2 |
| Total available-for-sale | 131 | 2 | 1 | | 134 |
| Held-to-maturity: | | | | | |
| Debt securities | | | | 109 | 109 |
| Trading: | | | | | |
| Deferred compensation plan mutual funds | 49 | | | | 49 |
| Equity/Multi-asset class mutual funds | 189 | 5 | | | 194 |
| Debt securities | | 22 | | | 22 |
| Total trading | 238 | 27 | | | 265 |
| Other investments: | | | | | |
| Consolidated sponsored investment funds: | | | | | |
| Hedge funds / Funds of funds | | 43 | 53 | | 96 |
| Private / public equity | 18 | | 329 | | 347 |
| Total consolidated sponsored investment funds | 18 | 43 | 382 | | 443 |
| Equity method: | | | | | |
| Hedge funds / Funds of hedge funds | | 68 | 197 | 24 | 289 |
| Private equity investments | | | 89 | 21 | 110 |
| Real estate funds | | | 95 | 20 | 115 |
| Fixed income mutual funds | 27 | | | | 27 |
| Equity/Multi-asset class, alternative mutual funds | 43 | | | | 43 |
| Total equity method | 70 | 68 | 381 | 65 | 584 |
| Deferred compensation plan hedge fund equity method investments | | 12 | | | 12 |
| Cost method investments | | | | 338 | 338 |
| Carried interest | | | | 66 | 66 |
| Total investments | 457 | 152 | 764 | 578 | 1,951 |
| <u>Separate account assets:</u> | | | | | |
| Equity securities | 84,677 | | 13 | | 84,690 |
| Debt securities | | 32,240 | | | 32,240 |
| Derivatives | | 406 | | | 406 |
| Money market funds | 3,781 | | | | 3,781 |
| Other | | 1,045 | | 1,005 | 2,050 |

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|---|-------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Total separate account assets | 88,458 | 33,691 | 13 | 1,005 | 123,167 |
| <u>Collateral held under securities lending agreements:</u> | | | | | |
| Equity securities | 14,537 | | | | 14,537 |
| Debt securities | | 7,805 | | | 7,805 |
| Total collateral held under securities lending agreements | 14,537 | 7,805 | | | 22,342 |
| <u>Other assets</u> ⁽²⁾ | | 12 | | | 12 |
| <u>Assets of consolidated VIEs:</u> | | | | | |
| Bank loans | | 1,332 | 47 | | 1,379 |
| Bonds | | 94 | 44 | | 138 |
| Private / public equity | 4 | 5 | 28 | | 37 |
| Total assets of consolidated VIEs | 4 | 1,431 | 119 | | 1,554 |
| Total | \$ 103,456 | \$ 43,091 | \$ 896 | \$ 1,583 | \$ 149,026 |

(1) Amounts comprised of investments held at cost, amortized cost, carried interest and equity method investments, which include investment companies and other assets, which in accordance with GAAP are not accounted for under a fair value measure. In accordance with GAAP, certain equity method investees do not account for both their financial assets and financial liabilities under fair value measures; therefore, the Company's investment in such equity method investees may not represent fair value.

(2) Amount includes company-owned and split-dollar life insurance policies.

Table of Contents**5. Fair Value Disclosures (continued)***Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)*

Liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 31, 2012 were as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | March 31, 2012 |
|--|---|--|--|---------------------------|
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Borrowings of consolidated VIEs | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,547 | \$ 1,547 |
| Collateral liabilities under securities lending agreements | 14,537 | 7,805 | | 22,342 |
| Other liabilities ⁽¹⁾ | 13 | 4 | | 17 |
| Total liabilities measured at fair value | \$ 14,550 | \$ 7,809 | \$ 1,547 | \$ 23,906 |

⁽¹⁾ Amounts included credit default swap (Pillars) (see Note 7, Derivatives and Hedging, for more information) and securities sold within consolidated investment funds recorded within other liabilities on the condensed consolidated statement of financial condition.

Table of Contents**5. Fair Value Disclosures (continued)***Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)*

Total assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis of \$141.6 billion at December 31, 2011 were as follows:

| | Assets measured at fair value | | | | December 31, 2011 |
|---|--|---|--|--|----------------------|
| | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Other Assets Not Held at Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ | |
| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | | | | | |
| Assets: | | | | | |
| <u>Investments</u> | | | | | |
| Available-for-sale: | | | | | |
| Equity securities (funds and CDOs) | \$ 50 | \$ | \$ 1 | \$ | \$ 51 |
| Debt securities | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Total available-for-sale | 50 | 1 | 1 | | 52 |
| Held-to-maturity: | | | | | |
| Debt securities | | | | 105 | 105 |
| Trading: | | | | | |
| Deferred compensation plan mutual funds | 46 | | | | 46 |
| Equity securities | 163 | 6 | | | 169 |
| Debt securities | | 52 | | | 52 |
| Total trading | 209 | 58 | | | 267 |
| Other investments: | | | | | |
| Consolidated sponsored investment funds: | | | | | |
| Hedge funds / Funds of funds | | 20 | 22 | | 42 |
| Private / public equity | 18 | | 313 | | 331 |
| Total consolidated sponsored investment funds | 18 | 20 | 335 | | 373 |
| Equity method: | | | | | |
| Hedge funds / Funds of hedge funds | | 33 | 193 | 14 | 240 |
| Private equity investments | | | 85 | 21 | 106 |
| Real estate funds | | | 88 | 20 | 108 |
| Equity mutual funds | 3 | | | | 3 |
| Total equity method | 3 | 33 | 366 | 55 | 457 |
| Deferred compensation plan hedge fund equity method investments | | 19 | | | 19 |
| Cost method investments | | | | 337 | 337 |
| Carried interest | | | | 21 | 21 |
| Total investments | 280 | 131 | 702 | 518 | 1,631 |
| <u>Separate account assets:</u> | | | | | |
| Equity securities | 74,088 | | 3 | | 74,091 |

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|--|------------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Debt securities | | 38,596 | 7 | | 38,603 |
| Derivatives | 8 | 1,487 | | | 1,495 |
| Money market funds | 2,845 | | | | 2,845 |
| Other | | 920 | | 917 | 1,837 |
| Total separate account assets | 76,941 | 41,003 | 10 | 917 | 118,871 |
| <u>Collateral held under securities lending agreements:</u> | | | | | |
| Equity securities | 14,092 | | | | 14,092 |
| Debt securities | | 6,826 | | | 6,826 |
| Total collateral held under securities lending agreements | 14,092 | 6,826 | | | 20,918 |
| <u>Other assets⁽²⁾</u> | | 11 | | | 11 |
| <u>Assets of consolidated VIEs:</u> | | | | | |
| Bank loans | | 1,376 | 83 | | 1,459 |
| Bonds | | 105 | 40 | | 145 |
| Private / public equity | 4 | 4 | 27 | | 35 |
| Total assets of consolidated VIEs | 4 | 1,485 | 150 | | 1,639 |
| Total | \$ 91,317 | \$ 49,456 | \$ 862 | \$ 1,435 | \$ 143,070 |

(1) Amounts comprised of investments held at cost, amortized cost, carried interest and equity method investments, which include investment companies and other assets, which in accordance with GAAP are not accounted for under a fair value measure. In accordance with GAAP, certain equity method investees do not account for both their financial assets and financial liabilities under fair value measures; therefore, the Company's investment in such equity method investees may not represent fair value.

(2) Amount includes company-owned and split-dollar life insurance policies.

Table of Contents**5. Fair Value Disclosures (continued)***Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)*

Liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2011 were as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | December 31, 2011 |
|--|--|---|--|----------------------|
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Borrowings of consolidated VIEs | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,574 | \$ 1,574 |
| Collateral liabilities under securities lending agreements | 14,092 | 6,826 | | 20,918 |
| Other liabilities ⁽¹⁾ | 15 | 11 | | 26 |
| Total liabilities measured at fair value | \$ 14,107 | \$ 6,837 | \$ 1,574 | \$ 22,518 |

⁽¹⁾ Amounts included credit default swap (Pillars) (see Note 7, Derivatives and Hedging, for more information) and securities sold short within consolidated sponsored investment funds recorded within other liabilities on the condensed consolidated statement of financial condition

Separate Account Assets. The separate account assets are maintained by a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company which is a registered life insurance company in the United Kingdom, and represent segregated assets held for purposes of funding individual and group pension contracts. In accordance with GAAP, the Company records equal and offsetting separate account liabilities. The separate account assets are not available to creditors of the Company and the holders of the pension contracts have no recourse to the Company. The net investment income attributable to separate account assets accrues directly to the contract owners and is not reported on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income. While BlackRock has no economic interest in these assets or liabilities, BlackRock earns an investment advisory fee for the service of managing these assets on behalf of the clients.

Level 3 Assets. Level 3 assets recorded within investments, which include equity method investments and consolidated investments of real estate funds, private equity funds and funds of private equity funds, are valued based upon valuations, including capital accounts, received from internal as well as third-party fund managers. Fair values of the underlying funds are based on a combination of methods, which may include third-party independent appraisals and discounted cash flow techniques.

Direct investments in private equity companies held by private equity funds totaled \$65 million at March 31, 2012. Direct investments in private equity companies may be valued using the market approach or the income approach, or a combination thereof and were valued based on an assessment of each underlying investment, incorporating evaluation of additional significant third-party financing, changes in valuations of comparable peer companies, the business environment of the companies, market indices, assumptions relating to appropriate risk adjustments for nonperformance and legal restrictions on disposition among other factors. The fair value derived from the methods used are evaluated and weighted, as appropriate, considering the reasonableness of the range of value indicated. Under the market approach, fair value may be determined by reference to multiples of market comparable companies or transactions, including earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization multiples. Under the income approach, fair value may be determined by discounting the cash flows to a single present amount using current market expectations about those future amounts. Unobservable inputs used in a discounted cash flow model may include projections of operating performance generally covering a five-year period and a terminal value of the private equity direct investment. Significant increases (decreases) in the unobservable inputs used to value direct investments in private equity companies held by private equity funds could result in a significantly higher or lower fair value. See Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies, for more information on valuation process.

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Level 3 assets recorded within separate account assets include single broker non-binding quotes for fixed income securities and equity securities that have unobservable inputs due to certain corporate actions.

Level 3 assets of consolidated VIEs include bank loans and bonds valued based on single broker non-binding quotes and direct private equity investments and private equity funds valued based upon valuations received from internal as well as third-party fund managers, which may be adjusted by using the returns of certain market indices.

Level 3 Liabilities. Level 3 liabilities recorded as borrowings of consolidated VIEs include CLO borrowings valued based upon single-broker non-binding quotes.

Table of Contents**5. Fair Value Disclosures (continued)***Changes in Level 3 Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2012*

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | December 31, 2011 | Realized and unrealized gains (losses) in earnings and OCI | Purchases | Sales and maturities | Issuances and other settlements ⁽¹⁾ | Transfers into Level 3 | Transfers out of Level 3 | March 31, 2012 | Total net gains (losses) included in earnings ⁽²⁾ |
|--|-------------------------|--|--------------|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Assets: | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Investments</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Available-for-sale: | | | | | | | | | |
| Equity securities (CDOs) | \$ 1 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 1 | \$ |
| Consolidated sponsored investment funds: | | | | | | | | | |
| Hedge funds / Funds of funds | 22 | 1 | 27 | | | 3 | | 53 | 1 |
| Private equity | 313 | 29 | 5 | (18) | | | | 329 | 27 |
| Equity method: | | | | | | | | | |
| Hedge funds / Funds of hedge funds | 193 | 16 | | | (12) | | | 197 | 16 |
| Private equity investments | 85 | 4 | 2 | | (2) | | | 89 | 4 |
| Real estate funds | 88 | | 7 | | | | | 95 | |
| Total Level 3 investments | 702 | 50 | 41 | (18) | (14) | 3 | | 764 | 48 |
| <u>Separate account assets:</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Equity securities | 3 | 1 | 1 | (3) | | 11 | | 13 | |
| Debt securities | 7 | | | (6) | | | (1) | | |
| Total Level 3 separate account assets | 10 | 1 | 1 | (9) | | 11 | (1) | 13 | n/a⁽³⁾ |
| <u>Assets of consolidated VIEs:</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank loans | 83 | | 7 | (6) | | 5 | (42) | 47 | |
| Bonds | 40 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 44 | |
| Private equity | 27 | 3 | | (2) | | | | 28 | |
| Total Level 3 assets of consolidated VIEs | 150 | 5 | 9 | (8) | | 5 | (42) | 119 | n/a⁽⁴⁾ |
| Total Level 3 assets | \$ 862 | \$ 56 | \$ 51 | (\$ 35) | (\$ 14) | \$ 19 | (\$ 43) | \$ 896 | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Borrowings of consolidated VIEs | \$ 1,574 | (\$ 49) | \$ | \$ | (\$ 76) | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,547 | n/a ⁽⁴⁾ |

n/a not applicable

⁽¹⁾ Amount includes distributions from equity method investees and repayments of borrowings of consolidated VIEs.⁽²⁾ Earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains (losses) relating to assets still held at the reporting date.⁽³⁾ The net investment income attributable to separate account assets accrues directly to the contract owners and is not reported on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income.⁽⁴⁾ The net gain (loss) on consolidated VIEs is solely attributable to non-controlling interests on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income.

Table of Contents**5. Fair Value Disclosures (continued)***Changes in Level 3 Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2011*

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | December 31, 2010 | Realized and unrealized gains (losses) in earnings and OCI | Purchases | Sales | Issuances and other settlements ⁽¹⁾ | Transfers into Level 3 | Transfers out of Level 3 | March 31, 2011 | Total net gains (losses) included in earnings ⁽²⁾ |
|---|----------------------|---|-----------|---------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Assets: | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Investments:</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Available-for-sale: | | | | | | | | | |
| Equity securities (funds and CDOs) | \$ 2 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 2 | \$ |
| Consolidated sponsored investment funds: | | | | | | | | | |
| Hedge funds / Funds of funds | 19 | 3 | | (1) | | | (1) | 20 | 3 |
| Private equity | 299 | 12 | 1 | (7) | | | | 305 | 12 |
| Equity method: | | | | | | | | | |
| Hedge funds / Funds of hedge funds | 226 | 16 | 2 | (1) | (16) | | | 227 | 16 |
| Private equity investments | 68 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 70 | 1 |
| Real estate funds | 36 | 1 | 4 | | | | | 41 | 1 |
| Total Level 3 investments | 650 | 33 | 8 | (9) | (16) | | (1) | 665 | 33 |
| <u>Separate account assets:</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Equity securities | 4 | (1) | 3 | (3) | | 38 | | 41 | |
| Debt securities | 170 | (1) | 96 | (70) | | | (87) | 108 | |
| Total Level 3 separate account assets | 174 | (2) | 99 | (73) | | 38 | (87) | 149 | n/a ⁽³⁾ |
| <u>Assets of consolidated VIEs:</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank loans | 32 | (2) | 5 | (3) | | 14 | (8) | 38 | |
| Private equity | 30 | 2 | | | | | | 32 | |
| Total Level 3 assets of consolidated VIEs | 62 | | 5 | (3) | | 14 | (8) | 70 | n/a ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Total Level 3 assets | \$ 886 | \$ 31 | \$ 112 | (\$ 85) | (\$ 16) | \$ 52 | (\$ 96) | \$ 884 | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Borrowings of consolidated VIEs | \$ 1,278 | (\$ 19) | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,297 | n/a ⁽⁴⁾ |

n/a not applicable

⁽¹⁾ Amount includes distributions from equity method investees.⁽²⁾ Earnings attributable to the change in unrealized gains or (losses) relating to assets still held at the reporting date.⁽³⁾ The net investment income attributable to separate account assets accrues directly to the contract owners and is not reported on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income.⁽⁴⁾ The net gain (loss) on consolidated VIEs is solely attributable to non-controlling interests on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income.

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5. Fair Value Disclosures (continued)

Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) for Level 3 Assets and Liabilities. Realized and unrealized gains (losses) recorded for Level 3 assets and liabilities are reported in non-operating income (expense) on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income. A portion of net income (loss) for consolidated investments and all of the net income (loss) for consolidated VIEs are allocated to non-controlling interests to reflect net income (loss) not attributable to the Company.

Transfers in and/or out of Levels. Transfers in and/or out of levels are reflected when significant inputs, including market inputs or performance attributes, used for the fair value measurement become observable / unobservable, or when the Company determines it has the ability, or no longer has the ability, to redeem in the near term certain investments that the Company values using a NAV (or a capital account), or when the book value of certain equity method investments no longer represents fair value as determined under fair value methodologies.

Separate Account Assets. In the three months ended March 31, 2012, there were \$11 million of transfers of equity securities into Level 3 from Level 1. The transfers into Level 3 were primarily due to market inputs no longer being considered observable.

In the three months ended March 31, 2011, there were \$87 million of transfers out of Level 3 to Level 2 related to debt securities held within separate account assets. The transfers out of Level 3 primarily were due to availability of observable market inputs, including additional inputs from pricing vendors and brokers.

In the three months ended March 31, 2011, there were \$38 million of transfers of equity securities held within separate account assets into Level 3 from Level 1. The transfers into Level 3 were primarily due to market inputs no longer being considered observable.

Assets of Consolidated VIEs. In the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, there were \$42 million and \$8 million, respectively, of transfers out of Level 3 to Level 2 related to bank loans. In addition, in the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 there were \$5 million and \$14 million, respectively, of transfers into Level 3 from Level 2 related to bank loans. The transfers in and out of Levels were primarily due to availability/ unavailability of observable market inputs, including inputs from pricing vendors and brokers.

Significant Other Settlements. For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, there were \$14 million and \$16 million, respectively, of distributions from equity method investees categorized in Level 3.

Table of Contents**5. Fair Value Disclosures (continued)**

Disclosures of Fair Value for Additional Financial Instruments. As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the fair value of the Company's financial instruments are categorized in the table below:

| <i>(Dollars in millions)</i> | March 31, 2012 | | December 31, 2011 | | Fair Value Hierarchy |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Estimated Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Estimated Fair Value | |
| <i>Financial Assets:</i> | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,552 | \$ 2,552 | \$ 3,506 | \$ 3,506 | Level 1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Accounts receivable | 2,312 | 2,312 | 1,960 | 1,960 | Level 1 ⁽²⁾ |
| Due from related parties | 139 | 139 | 142 | 142 | Level 1 ⁽²⁾ |
| Cash and cash equivalents of consolidated VIEs | 95 | 95 | 54 | 54 | Level 1 ⁽²⁾ |
| <i>Financial Liabilities:</i> | | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 1,260 | 1,260 | 923 | 923 | Level 1 ⁽²⁾ |
| Due to related parties | 24 | 24 | 22 | 22 | Level 1 ⁽²⁾ |
| Short-term borrowings | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | Level 1 ⁽²⁾ |
| Long-term borrowings | 4,690 | 5,129 | 4,690 | 5,057 | Level 2 ⁽³⁾ |

- ⁽¹⁾ Cash and cash equivalents are carried at either cost or amortized cost that approximates fair value due to their short-term maturities. Money market funds are valued through the use of quoted market prices, or \$1.00, which generally is the NAV of the fund. At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, approximately \$46 million and \$123 million, respectively, of money market funds were recorded within cash and cash equivalents on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of financial condition.
- ⁽²⁾ The carrying amounts of accounts receivable, due from related parties, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, due to related parties and short-term borrowings approximate fair value due to their short term nature.
- ⁽³⁾ Long-term borrowings are recorded at amortized amounts. The fair value of the Company's long-term borrowings, including the current portion of long-term borrowings, is estimated using market prices at the end of March 2012 and December 2011, respectively. See Note 10, Borrowings, for the fair value of each of the Company's long-term borrowings.

The fair value of marketable investments is based on quoted market prices or broker quotes. If investments are not readily marketable, fair values primarily are determined based on NAVs (or capital accounts) of investments in limited partnerships/limited liability companies or by the Company based on management's assumptions or estimates, taking into consideration financial information of the investment, market indices or valuation services from third-party service providers. At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, with the exception of certain equity and cost method investments and carried interest investments that are not accounted for under a fair value measure, the carrying value of investments approximated fair value.

Table of Contents**5. Fair Value Disclosures (continued)**

Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value Per Share. As a practical expedient to value certain investments that do not have a readily determinable fair value and have attributes of an investment company, the Company relies on NAV as the fair value for certain investments. The following tables list information regarding all investments that use a fair value measurement to account for both their financial assets and financial liabilities in their calculation of a NAV per share (or its equivalent).

March 31, 2012

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Ref | Fair Value | Total Unfunded Commitments | Redemption Frequency | Redemption Notice Period |
|---|-----|------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Trading: | | | | | |
| Equity | (a) | \$ 3 | \$ | Daily (100%) | none |
| Consolidated sponsored investment funds: | | | | | |
| Private equity funds of funds | (b) | 264 | 41 | n/r | n/r |
| Other funds of hedge funds | (c) | 78 | | Monthly (35%), Quarterly (28%) Annual (1%) n/r (36%) | 30 90 days |
| Equity method:⁽¹⁾ | | | | | |
| Hedge funds/funds of hedge funds | (d) | 264 | 3 | Monthly (3%), Quarterly (24%) n/r (73%) | 15 90 days |
| Private equity funds | (e) | 89 | 47 | n/r | n/r |
| Real estate funds | (f) | 95 | 24 | n/r | n/r |
| Deferred compensation plan hedge fund investments | (g) | 12 | | Monthly (25%), Quarterly (75%) | 60 90 days |
| Consolidated VIE: | | | | | |
| Private equity fund | (h) | 27 | 2 | n/r | n/r |
| Total | | \$ 832 | \$ 117 | | |

n/r not redeemable

- (1) Comprised of equity method investments, which include investment companies, which in accordance with GAAP account for both their financial assets and financial liabilities under fair value measures; therefore, the Company's investment in such equity method investees approximates fair value.

Table of Contents**5. Fair Value Disclosures (continued)***Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value Per Share (continued)*

December 31, 2011

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Ref | Fair Value | Total Unfunded Commitments | Redemption Frequency | Redemption Notice Period |
|---|-----|---------------|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Trading: | | | | | |
| Equity | (a) | \$ 2 | \$ | Daily (100%) | none |
| Consolidated sponsored investment funds: | | | | | |
| Private equity funds of funds | (b) | 258 | 44 | n/r | n/r |
| Other funds of hedge funds | (c) | 24 | | Monthly (25%) Quarterly (54%) n/r (21%) | 30 90 days |
| Equity method:⁽¹⁾ | | | | | |
| Hedge funds/funds of hedge funds | (d) | 226 | 4 | Monthly (2%) Quarterly (15%) n/r (83%) | 15 90 days |
| Private equity funds | (e) | 85 | 48 | n/r | n/r |
| Real estate funds | (f) | 88 | 17 | n/r | n/r |
| Deferred compensation plan hedge fund investments | (g) | 19 | | Monthly (16%) Quarterly (84%) | 60 90 days |
| Consolidated VIE: | | | | | |
| Private equity funds | (h) | 27 | 2 | n/r | n/r |
| Total | | \$ 729 | \$ 115 | | |

n/r not redeemable

- (1) Comprised of equity method investments, which include investment companies, which in accordance with GAAP account for both their financial assets and financial liabilities under fair value measures; therefore, the Company's investment in such equity method investees approximates fair value.
- (a) This category includes consolidated offshore feeder funds that invest in master funds with multiple equity strategies to diversify risks. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the NAV of master offshore funds held by the feeder funds. Investments in this category generally can be redeemed at any time, as long as there are no restrictions in place by the underlying master funds.
- (b) This category includes the underlying third-party private equity funds within consolidated BlackRock sponsored private equity funds of funds. The fair values of the investments in the third-party funds have been estimated using capital accounts representing the Company's

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ownership interest in each fund in the portfolio as well as other performance inputs. These investments are not subject to redemption; however, for certain funds, the Company may sell or transfer its interest, which may need approval by the general partner of the underlying funds. Due to the nature of the investments in this category, the Company reduces its investment by distributions that are received through the realization of the underlying assets of the funds. It is estimated that the underlying assets of these funds will be liquidated over a weighted-average period of approximately eight years at both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011. The total remaining unfunded commitments to other third-party funds were \$41 million and \$44 million at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. The Company was contractually obligated to fund \$33 million at both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 to the consolidated funds, while the remaining unfunded balances in the tables above are required to be funded by capital contributions from non-controlling interest holders.

Table of Contents**5. Fair Value Disclosures (continued)***Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value Per Share (continued)*

- (c) This category includes consolidated funds of hedge funds that invest in multiple strategies to diversify risks. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the NAV of the fund's ownership interest in partners' capital of each fund in the portfolio. The majority of the underlying funds in this category can be redeemed as long as there are no restrictions in place. At March 31, 2012, the underlying funds that are currently restricted from redemptions within one year will be redeemable in approximately 12-24 months.
- (d) This category includes hedge funds and funds of hedge funds that invest primarily in equities, fixed income securities, distressed credit and mortgage instruments and other third-party hedge funds. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using the NAV of the Company's ownership interest in partners' capital. It was estimated that the investments in the funds that are not subject to redemption will be liquidated over a weighted-average period of approximately six years at both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.
- (e) This category includes several private equity funds that initially invest in non-marketable securities of private companies, which ultimately may become public in the future. The fair values of these investments have been estimated using capital accounts representing the Company's ownership interest in the funds as well as other performance inputs. The Company's investment in each fund is not subject to redemption and is normally returned through distributions as a result of the liquidation of the underlying assets of the private equity funds. It was estimated that the investments in these funds will be liquidated over a weighted-average period of approximately six years at both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.
- (f) This category includes several real estate funds that invest directly in real estate and real estate related assets. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using capital accounts representing the Company's ownership interest in the funds. The majority of the Company's investments in this category is not subject to redemption or is not currently redeemable and is normally returned through distributions as a result of the liquidation of the underlying assets of the real estate funds. It was estimated that the investments in these funds not subject to redemptions will be liquidated over a weighted-average period of approximately seven years at both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011.
- (g) This category includes investments in certain hedge funds that invest in energy and health science related equity securities. The fair values of the investments in this category have been estimated using capital accounts representing the Company's ownership interest in partners' capital as well as performance inputs. The investments in these funds will be liquidated upon settlement of certain deferred compensation liabilities.
- (h) This category includes the underlying third-party private equity funds within one consolidated BlackRock sponsored private equity fund of funds. The fair values of the investments in the third-party funds have been estimated using capital accounts representing the Company's ownership interest in each fund in the portfolio as well as other performance inputs. These investments are not subject to redemption; however, for certain funds the Company may sell or transfer its interest, which may need approval by the general partner of the underlying third-party funds. Due to the nature of the investments in this category, the Company reduces its investment by distributions that are received through the realization of the underlying assets of the funds. It is estimated that the underlying assets of these funds will be liquidated over a weighted-average period of approximately three and four years at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. Total remaining unfunded commitments to other third-party funds is \$2 million at both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, which are required to be funded by capital contributions from non-controlling interest holders.

Table of Contents**5. Fair Value Disclosures (continued)**

Fair Value Option. Upon the initial consolidation of four CLOs, the Company elected to adopt the fair value option provisions for eligible assets and liabilities, including bank loans and borrowings of the CLOs to mitigate accounting mismatches between the carrying value of the assets and liabilities and to achieve operational simplifications. To the extent there is a difference between the change in fair value of the assets and liabilities, the difference will be reflected as net income (loss) attributable to nonredeemable non-controlling interests on the condensed consolidated statements of income and offset by a change in appropriated retained earnings on the condensed consolidated statements of financial condition.

The following table presents the fair value of those assets and liabilities for which the fair value option was elected as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>CLO Bank Loans:</u> | | |
| Aggregate principal amounts outstanding | \$ 1,409 | \$ 1,522 |
| Fair value | 1,379 | 1,459 |
| Aggregate unpaid principal balance in excess of fair value | \$ 30 | \$ 63 |
| Unpaid principal balance of loans more than 90 days past due | \$ 4 | \$ 4 |
| Aggregate fair value of loans more than 90 days past due | | |
| Aggregate unpaid principal balance in excess of fair value for loans more than 90 days past due | \$ 4 | \$ 4 |
| <u>CLO Borrowings:</u> | | |
| Aggregate principal amounts outstanding | \$ 1,705 | \$ 1,781 |
| Fair value | \$ 1,547 | \$ 1,574 |

At March 31, 2012, the principal amounts outstanding of the borrowings issued by the CLOs mature between 2016 and 2019.

During the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, the change in fair value of the bank loans and bonds held by the CLOs resulted in a \$56 million gain and a \$20 million gain, respectively, which were offset by a \$67 million loss and a \$34 million loss, respectively, from the change in fair value of the CLO borrowings.

The net gains (losses) were recorded in net gain (loss) on consolidated VIEs on the condensed consolidated statements of income.

The change in fair value of the assets and liabilities included interest income and expense, respectively.

6. Variable Interest Entities

In the normal course of business, the Company is the manager of various types of sponsored investment vehicles, including CDOs/CLOs and sponsored investment funds, which may be considered VIEs. The Company receives advisory fees and/or other incentive-related fees for its services and may from time to time own equity or debt securities or enter into derivatives with the vehicles, each of which are considered variable interests. The Company enters into these variable interests principally to address client needs through the launch of such investment vehicles. The VIEs are primarily financed via capital contributed by equity and debt holders. The Company's involvement in financing the operations of the VIEs generally is limited to its equity interests.

The primary beneficiary (PB) of a VIE that is an investment fund that meets the conditions of ASU 2010-10, *Amendments to Statement 167 for Certain Investment Funds* (ASU 2010-10), is the enterprise that has a variable interest (or combination of variable interests, including those of related parties) that will absorb a majority of the entity's expected losses, receive a majority of the entity's expected residual returns or both. In order to determine whether the Company is the PB of a VIE, management must make significant estimates and assumptions of probable future cash flows of the VIEs. Assumptions made in such analyses may include, but are not limited to, market prices of securities, market interest rates, potential credit defaults on individual securities or default rates on a portfolio of securities, pre-payments, realization of gains, liquidity or

marketability of certain securities, discount rates and the probability of certain other outcomes.

Table of Contents**6. Variable Interest Entities (continued)**

The PB of a CDO/CLO or other entity that is a VIE that does not meet the conditions of ASU 2010-10 is the enterprise that has the power to direct activities of the entity that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance and has the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits that potentially could be significant to the entity.

VIEs in which BlackRock is the PB. At both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, BlackRock was the PB of five VIEs. The VIEs included CLOs in which BlackRock did not have an investment; however, BlackRock, as the collateral manager, was deemed to have both the power to control the activities of the CLOs and the right to receive benefits that could potentially be significant to the CLOs. In addition, BlackRock was the PB of one sponsored private equity investment fund in which it had a non-substantive investment, which absorbed the majority of the variability due to its de facto third-party relationships with other partners in the fund. The assets of these VIEs are not available to creditors of the Company. In addition, the investors in these VIEs have no recourse to the credit of the Company. At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the following balances related to these VIEs were consolidated on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of financial condition:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Assets of consolidated VIEs: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 95 | \$ 54 |
| Bank loans | 1,379 | 1,459 |
| Bonds | 138 | 145 |
| Other investments | 37 | 35 |
| | | |
| Total bank loans, bonds and other investments | 1,554 | 1,639 |
| Liabilities of consolidated VIEs: | | |
| Borrowings | (1,547) | (1,574) |
| Other liabilities | (9) | (9) |
| Appropriated retained earnings | (57) | (72) |
| Non-controlling interests of consolidated VIEs | (36) | (38) |
| | | |
| Total net interests in consolidated VIEs | \$ | \$ |

For the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Company recorded a non-operating loss of \$12 million offset by a \$12 million net loss attributable to nonredeemable non-controlling interests on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income.

For the three months ended March 31, 2011, the Company recorded a non-operating loss of \$15 million offset by a \$15 million net loss attributable to nonredeemable non-controlling interests on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income.

At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 the weighted-average maturities of the bank loans and bonds were approximately 4.2 years.

Table of Contents**6. Variable Interest Entities (continued)**

VIEs in which the Company holds significant variable interests or is the sponsor that holds a variable interest but is not the PB of the VIE.

At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company's carrying value of assets and liabilities and its maximum risk of loss related to VIEs in which it holds a significant variable interest or is the sponsor that holds a variable interest, but for which it was not the PB, were as follows:

At March 31, 2012

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Variable Interests on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition | | | Maximum Risk of Loss |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Investments | Advisory Fee Receivables | Other Net Assets (Liabilities) | |
| CDOs/CLOs | \$ 1 | \$ 3 | (\$ 4) | \$ 21 |
| Other sponsored investment funds: | | | | |
| Collective trusts | | 197 | | 197 |
| Other | 16 | 60 | | 76 |
| Total | \$ 17 | \$ 260 | (\$ 4) | \$ 294 |

The size of the net assets of the VIEs that the Company does not consolidate related to CDOs/CLOs and other sponsored investment funds, including collective trusts, was as follows:

CDOs/CLOs - approximately (\$2) billion, comprised of approximately \$5 billion of assets at fair value and \$7 billion of liabilities, primarily comprised of unpaid principal debt obligations to CDO/CLO debt holders.

Other sponsored investments funds - approximately \$1.3 trillion to \$1.4 trillion of net assets

This amount includes approximately \$1.2 trillion of collective trusts. Each collective trust has been aggregated separately and may include collective trusts that invest in other collective trusts.

The net assets of these VIEs primarily are comprised of cash and cash equivalents and investments offset by liabilities primarily comprised of various accruals for the sponsored investment vehicles.

At March 31, 2012, BlackRock's maximum risk of loss associated with these VIEs primarily relates to: (i) advisory fee receivables, (ii) BlackRock's investments and (iii) \$17 million of credit protection sold by BlackRock to a third-party in a synthetic CDO transaction.

Table of Contents**6. Variable Interest Entities (continued)**

VIEs in which BlackRock holds significant variable interests or is the sponsor that holds a variable interest but is not the PB of the VIE (continued)

At December 31, 2011

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Variable Interests on the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition | | | Maximum Risk of Loss |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Investments | Advisory Fee Receivables | Other Net Assets (Liabilities) | |
| CDOs/CLOs | \$ 1 | \$ 2 | (\$ 3) | \$ 20 |
| Other sponsored investment funds: | | | | |
| Collective trusts | | 184 | | 184 |
| Other | 18 | 54 | (5) | 72 |
| Total | \$ 19 | \$ 240 | (\$ 8) | \$ 276 |

The size of the net assets of the VIEs that the Company does not consolidate related to CDOs/CLOs and other sponsored investment funds, including collective trusts, was as follows:

CDOs/CLOs - approximately (\$2) billion, comprised of approximately \$5 billion of assets at fair value and \$7 billion of liabilities, primarily comprised of unpaid principal debt obligations to CDO/CLO debt holders.

Other sponsored investments funds - approximately \$1.2 trillion to \$1.3 trillion of net assets

This amount includes approximately \$1.0 trillion of collective trusts. Each collective trust has been aggregated separately and may include collective trusts that invest in other collective trusts.

The net assets of these VIEs primarily are comprised of cash and cash equivalents and investments offset by liabilities primarily comprised of various accruals for the sponsored investment vehicles.

At December 31, 2011, BlackRock's maximum risk of loss associated with these VIEs primarily related to: (i) advisory fee receivables, (ii) BlackRock's investments and (iii) \$17 million of credit protection sold by BlackRock to a third-party in a synthetic CDO transaction.

Table of Contents**7. Derivatives and Hedging**

The Company entered into a designated cash flow hedge in May 2011 consisting of a \$750 million interest rate swap maturing in 2013 to hedge future cash flows on floating rate notes due in 2013. Interest on this swap is at a fixed rate of 1.03% payable semi-annually on May 24 and November 24 of each year commencing November 24, 2011. The fair value of the interest rate swap as of March 31, 2012 was not material to the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Company maintains a program to enter into total return swaps to economically hedge against market price exposures with respect to certain seed investments in sponsored investment products. At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company had eight and six outstanding total return swaps, respectively, with an aggregate notional value of approximately \$148 million and \$43 million, respectively. The fair value of the outstanding total return swaps as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 was not material to the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

Market risk from forward foreign currency exchange contracts is the effect on the value of a financial instrument that results from a change in currency exchange rates. The Company manages certain exposure to market risk associated with foreign currency exchange contracts by establishing and monitoring parameters that limit the types and degrees of market risk that may be undertaken. At March 31, 2012, the Company had one outstanding forward foreign currency exchange contract with an aggregate notional value of approximately \$44 million. The fair value of the forward foreign currency exchange contract as of March 31, 2012 was not material to the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements. At December 31, 2011, the Company did not have any outstanding forward foreign currency exchange contracts.

The Company acts as the portfolio manager in a series of credit default swap transactions, referred to collectively as the Pillars synthetic CDO transaction (Pillars). The Company has entered into a credit default swap with Citibank, N.A. (Citibank), providing Citibank credit protection of approximately \$17 million, representing the Company's maximum risk of loss with respect to the provision of credit protection. The Company's management has performed an assessment of its variable interest in Pillars (a collateral management agreement and the credit default swap) under ASC 810-10, *Consolidation*, and has concluded the Company is not Pillars' PB. Pursuant to ASC 815-10, the Company carries the Pillars credit default swap at fair value based on the expected future cash flows under the arrangement.

On behalf of clients of the Company's registered life insurance company which maintains separate accounts representing segregated funds held for the purpose of funding individual and group pension contracts, the Company invests in various derivative instruments, which may include futures and forward foreign currency exchange contracts, interest rate swaps and inflation rate swaps. Net realized and unrealized gains and losses attributable to derivatives held by separate account assets accrue directly to the contract owners and are not reported in the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income.

The following table presents the fair value at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 of derivative instruments not designated as hedging instruments:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, 2012 | | December 31, 2011 | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | Assets | Liabilities | Assets | Liabilities |
| Credit default swap (Pillars) | | | | |
| Other liabilities | \$ | \$ 4 | \$ | \$ 3 |
| Separate account derivatives | | | | |
| Separate account assets | 406 | | 1,495 | |
| Separate account liabilities | | 406 | | 1,495 |
| Total | \$ 406 | \$ 410 | \$ 1,495 | \$ 1,498 |

The fair value of the derivatives held by separate account assets is equal to and offset by a separate account liability.

Table of Contents**7. Derivatives and Hedging (continued)**

The following table presents gains (losses) recognized in income on derivative instruments for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Total return swaps ⁽¹⁾ | (\$ 12) | (\$ 1) |

⁽¹⁾ Gains (losses) on total return swaps are included in non-operating income (expense).

Gains (losses) on the interest rate swap, forward foreign currency exchange contract and Pillars were immaterial for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

The Company consolidates certain sponsored investment funds, which may utilize derivative instruments as a part of the fund's investment strategy. The fair value of such derivatives as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 was not material to the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements. The change in fair value of such derivatives, which is recorded in non-operating income (expense), was not material to the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

8. Goodwill

Goodwill activity during the three months ended March 31, 2012 was as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | |
|--|-----------|
| December 31, 2011 | \$ 12,792 |
| Claymore Investments, Inc ⁽¹⁾ | 112 |
| Excess tax basis amortization ⁽²⁾ | (5) |
| March 31, 2012 | \$ 12,899 |

⁽¹⁾ Amount represents goodwill resulting from the Company's acquisition of the Canadian exchange-traded products (ETP) provider, Claymore Investments, Inc. (the Claymore Transaction) on March 7, 2012 for approximately \$210 million.

⁽²⁾ At March 31, 2012, the balance of the Quellos tax-deductible goodwill in excess of book goodwill was approximately \$347 million. Goodwill related to the acquisition of the fund-of-funds business of Quellos Group, LLC (the Quellos Transaction) will continue to be reduced in future periods by the amount of tax benefits realized from tax-deductible goodwill in excess of book goodwill from the Quellos Transaction.

9. Intangible Assets

The carrying amounts of identifiable intangible assets are summarized as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Indefinite-lived intangible assets | Finite-lived intangible assets | Total intangible assets |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| December 31, 2011 | \$ 16,597 | \$ 759 | \$ 17,356 |

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| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Claymore Transaction | 163 | | 163 |
| Amortization expense | | (39) | (39) |
| March 31, 2012 | \$ 16,760 | \$ 720 | \$ 17,480 |

In March 2012, in connection with the Claymore Transaction, the Company acquired \$163 million of indefinite-lived ETP management contracts.

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10. Borrowings

Short-Term Borrowings

2012 Revolving Credit Facility. In March 2011, the Company entered into a five-year \$3.5 billion unsecured revolving credit facility (the 2011 credit facility). In March 2012, the 2011 credit facility was amended to extend the maturity date by one year to March 2017 and in April 2012 the amount of the aggregate commitment was increased to \$3.785 billion (the 2012 credit facility). The 2012 credit facility permits the Company to request an additional \$1.0 billion of borrowing capacity, subject to lender credit approval, increasing the overall size of the 2012 credit facility to an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4.785 billion. Interest on borrowings outstanding accrues at a rate based on the applicable London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a spread. The 2012 credit facility requires the Company not to exceed a maximum leverage ratio (ratio of net debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, where net debt equals total debt less unrestricted cash) of 3 to 1, which was satisfied with a ratio of approximately 1 to 1 at March 31, 2012.

The 2012 credit facility provides back-up liquidity, funds ongoing working capital for general corporate purposes and funds various investment opportunities. At March 31, 2012, the Company had \$100 million outstanding under this facility at an interest rate of 1.12% and a maturity in April 2012. During April 2012, the Company rolled over the \$100 million in borrowings at an interest rate of 1.12% and a maturity in May 2012.

As of March 31, 2012, Barclays had \$214 million participation under the 2012 credit facility. In April 2012, the amount of Barclays' participation under the 2012 credit facility was increased to \$255 million.

Commercial Paper Program. On October 14, 2009, BlackRock established a commercial paper program (the CP Program) under which the Company could issue unsecured commercial paper notes (the CP Notes) on a private-placement basis up to a maximum aggregate amount outstanding at any time of \$3.0 billion. On May 13, 2011, BlackRock increased the maximum aggregate amount that may be borrowed under the CP Program from \$3.0 billion to \$3.5 billion. The CP Program currently is supported by the 2012 credit facility.

As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, BlackRock had no CP Notes outstanding.

Long-Term Borrowings

The carrying value and fair value of long-term borrowings determined using market prices at the end of March 2012 included the following:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | 2.25% Notes due 2012 | Floating Rate Notes due 2013 | 3.50% Notes due 2014 | 6.25% Notes due 2017 | 5.00% Notes due 2019 | 4.25% Notes due 2021 | Total Long-term Borrowings |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Maturity amount | \$ 500 | \$ 750 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 700 | \$ 1,000 | \$ 750 | \$ 4,700 |
| Unamortized discount | | | (1) | (3) | (2) | (4) | (10) |
| Carrying value | \$ 500 | \$ 750 | \$ 999 | \$ 697 | \$ 998 | \$ 746 | \$ 4,690 |
| Fair value | \$ 506 | \$ 753 | \$ 1,071 | \$ 849 | \$ 1,147 | \$ 803 | \$ 5,129 |

Long-term borrowings at December 31, 2011 had a carrying value of \$4,690 million and a fair value of \$5,057 million determined using market prices at the end of December 2011.

See Note 11, Borrowings, in the 2011 Form 10-K for more information.

Table of Contents**11. Commitments and Contingencies**

Investment Commitments. At March 31, 2012, the Company had \$110 million of various capital commitments to fund sponsored investment funds, including funds of private equity funds, real estate funds and distressed credit funds. This amount excludes additional commitments made by consolidated funds of funds to underlying third-party funds as third-party non-controlling interest holders have the legal obligation to fund the respective commitments of such funds of funds. Generally, the timing of the funding of these commitments is unknown and the commitments are callable on demand at any time prior to the expiration of the commitment. These unfunded commitments are not recorded on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of financial condition. These commitments do not include potential future commitments approved by the Company's Capital Committee, but which are not yet legally binding. The Company intends to make additional capital commitments from time to time to fund additional investment products for, and with, its clients.

Contingencies

Contingent Payments. The Company acts as the portfolio manager in a series of credit default swap transactions and has a maximum potential exposure of \$17 million under a credit default swap between the Company and Citibank. See Note 7, Derivatives and Hedging, for further discussion of this transaction and the related commitment.

Legal Proceedings. From time to time, BlackRock receives subpoenas or other requests for information from various U.S. federal, state governmental and domestic and international regulatory authorities in connection with certain industry-wide or other investigations or proceedings. It is BlackRock's policy to cooperate fully with such inquiries. The Company and certain of its subsidiaries have been named as defendants in various legal actions, including arbitrations and other litigation arising in connection with BlackRock's activities. Additionally, certain of the investment funds that the Company manages are subject to lawsuits, any of which potentially could harm the investment returns of the applicable fund or result in the Company being liable to the funds for any resulting damages.

Management, after consultation with legal counsel, currently does not anticipate that the aggregate liability, if any, arising out of regulatory matters or lawsuits will have a material effect on BlackRock's earnings, financial position, or cash flows, although, at the present time, management is not in a position to determine whether any such pending or threatened matters will have a material effect on BlackRock's results of operations in any future reporting period.

Indemnifications. In the ordinary course of business, BlackRock enters into contracts pursuant to which it may agree to indemnify third parties in certain circumstances. The terms of these indemnities vary from contract to contract and the amount of indemnification liability, if any, cannot be determined.

Under the transaction agreement in the Merrill Lynch Investment Managers (MLIM) acquisition, the Company has agreed to indemnify Merrill Lynch for losses it may incur arising from various items including certain specified tax covenants.

Under the transaction agreement in the Barclays Global Investors (BGI) acquisition from Barclays (the BGI Transaction), the Company has agreed to indemnify Barclays for losses it may incur arising from (1) breach by the Company of certain representations; (2) breach by the Company of any covenant in the agreement; (3) liabilities of the entities acquired in the transaction other than liabilities assumed by Barclays or for which it is providing indemnification and (4) certain taxes.

Management believes that the likelihood of any liability arising under the MLIM transaction or the BGI Transaction indemnification provisions is remote. Management cannot estimate any potential maximum exposure due both to the remoteness of any potential claims and the fact that items that would be included within any such calculated claim would be beyond the control of BlackRock. Consequently, no liability has been recorded on the condensed consolidated statements of financial condition.

Table of Contents**12. Stock-Based Compensation**

The components of the Company's stock-based compensation expense are as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Stock-based compensation: | | |
| Restricted stock and restricted stock units (RSUs) | \$ 109 | \$ 120 |
| Long-term incentive plans funded by PNC | 5 | 14 |
| Stock options | | 3 |
| Total stock-based compensation | \$ 114 | \$ 137 |

Restricted Stock and RSUs

Restricted stock and RSU activity for the three months ended March 31, 2012 is summarized below:

| Outstanding at | Restricted Stock and Units | Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| December 31, 2011 | 5,528,781 | \$ 196.44 |
| Granted | 2,420,741 | \$ 166.31 |
| Converted | (1,542,145) | \$ 174.96 |
| Forfeited | (36,730) | \$ 197.78 |
| March 31, 2012⁽¹⁾ | 6,370,647 | \$ 190.20 |

⁽¹⁾ As of March 31, 2012, approximately 5.8 million awards are expected to vest and 0.4 million awards have vested but have not been converted.

The Company values restricted stock and RSUs at their grant-date fair value as measured by BlackRock's common stock price.

In January 2012, the Company granted the following awards under the BlackRock, Inc. 1999 Stock Award and Incentive Plan:

1,365,691 RSUs to employees as part of annual incentive compensation that vest ratably over three years from the date of grant;

418,038 RSUs to employees that cliff vest 100% on January 31, 2015; and

616,117 RSUs, which will primarily be funded by shares currently held by PNC (see *Long-Term Incentive Plans Funded by PNC* below). The awards will vest on the fourth, fifth or sixth anniversaries of the grant date subject to pre-determined market conditions being achieved during the six year term of the award.

As of March 31, 2012, there was \$686 million in total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to unvested RSUs. The unrecognized compensation cost is expected to be recognized over the remaining weighted-average period of 1.8 years.

Table of Contents**12. Stock-Based Compensation (continued)**

Long-Term Incentive Plans Funded by PNC. Under a share surrender agreement, PNC committed to provide up to 4,000,000 shares of BlackRock stock, held by PNC, to fund certain BlackRock long-term incentive plans (LTIP). The current share surrender agreement commits PNC to provide BlackRock series C non-voting participating preferred stock to fund the remaining committed shares.

During 2007 through 2011, approximately 2.5 million shares were surrendered, including 1.3 million RSUs, which vested and were funded by PNC on September 29, 2011. At March 31, 2012 approximately 0.2 million shares that vest in January 2013 remain committed by PNC.

At March 31, 2012, the remaining shares committed by PNC, of approximately 1.3 million, are available to fund future long-term incentive awards, including a portion of the awards granted in January 2012.

Stock Options

Options outstanding at March 31, 2012 and changes during the three months ended March 31, 2012 were as follows:

| | Shares Under Option | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <u>Outstanding at</u> | | |
| December 31, 2011 | 2,190,907 | \$ 105.33 |
| Exercised | (938,440) | \$ 41.25 |
| March 31, 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 1,252,467 | \$ 153.34 |

⁽¹⁾ At March 31, 2012, all options were vested. The aggregate intrinsic value of options exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2012 was \$138 million.

Table of Contents**13. Net Capital Requirements**

The Company is required to maintain net capital in certain regulated subsidiaries within a number of jurisdictions, which is partially maintained by retaining cash and cash equivalents in those subsidiaries or jurisdictions. As a result, such subsidiaries of the Company may be restricted in their ability to transfer cash between different jurisdictions and to their parents. Additionally, transfers of cash between international jurisdictions, including repatriation to the United States, may have adverse tax consequences that could discourage such transfers.

Capital Requirements. At March 31, 2012, the Company was required to maintain approximately \$1,218 million in net capital in certain regulated subsidiaries, including BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. (a chartered national bank whose powers are limited to trust activities and which is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the Federal banking agencies), entities regulated by the Financial Services Authority in the United Kingdom and the Company's broker-dealers and was in compliance with all applicable regulatory net capital requirements.

14. Restructuring Charges

The Company recorded a pre-tax restructuring charge of approximately \$32 million (\$22 million after-tax) during the year ended December 31, 2011. This charge was comprised of \$24 million of severance and associated outplacement costs and \$8 million of expenses related to the accelerated amortization of previously granted equity-based compensation awards.

The following table presents a rollforward of the Company's restructuring liability, which is included within other liabilities on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of financial condition:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | |
| Liability as of December 31, 2011 | \$ 18 |
| Cash payments | (11) |
| Liability as of March 31, 2012 | \$ 7 |

15. Capital Stock

Non-voting Participating Preferred Stock. The Company's preferred shares authorized, issued and outstanding consisted of the following:

| | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Series A | | |
| Shares authorized, \$0.01 par value | 20,000,000 | 20,000,000 |
| Shares issued and outstanding | | |
| Series B | | |
| Shares authorized, \$0.01 par value | 150,000,000 | 150,000,000 |
| Shares issued and outstanding | 38,328,737 | 38,328,737 |
| Series C | | |
| Shares authorized, \$0.01 par value | 6,000,000 | 6,000,000 |
| Shares issued and outstanding | 1,517,237 | 1,517,237 |
| Series D | | |
| Shares authorized, \$0.01 par value | 20,000,000 | 20,000,000 |
| Shares issued and outstanding | | |

Share Repurchase Approval. In February 2012, the Board of Directors approved an increase in the availability under the Company's existing share repurchase program to allow for the repurchase of up to 5.0 million shares of BlackRock common stock.

The Company repurchased 648,000 common shares in open market transactions for approximately \$125 million during the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Table of Contents**16. Earnings Per Share**

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions, except per share data)</i> | 2012 | | 2011 | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Basic | Diluted | Basic | Diluted |
| Net income attributable to BlackRock | \$ 572 | \$ 572 | \$ 568 | \$ 568 |
| Less: | | | | |
| Dividends distributed to common shares | 285 | 285 | 269 | 269 |
| Dividends distributed to participating RSUs | | | 3 | 3 |
| Undistributed net income attributable to BlackRock | 287 | 287 | 296 | 296 |
| Percentage of undistributed net income allocated to common shares ^(a) | 99.8% | 99.8% | 98.8% | 98.8% |
| Undistributed net income allocated to common shares | 286 | 286 | 292 | 292 |
| Plus: | | | | |
| Common share dividends | 285 | 285 | 269 | 269 |
| Net income attributable to common shares | \$ 571 | \$ 571 | \$ 561 | \$ 561 |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding | 179,022,840 | 179,022,840 | 191,797,365 | 191,797,365 |
| Dilutive effect of: | | | | |
| Non-participating RSUs | | 2,447,178 | | 1,469,069 |
| Stock options | | 447,846 | | 796,585 |
| Convertible debt | | | | 233,485 |
| Total diluted weighted-average shares outstanding | | 181,917,864 | | 194,296,504 |
| Earnings per share attributable to BlackRock, common stockholders | \$ 3.19 | \$ 3.14 | \$ 2.92 | \$ 2.89 |

^(a) Allocation to common shareholders is based on the total of common and participating security shareholders (which represent unvested RSUs that contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends). For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, average outstanding participating securities were 0.2 million and 2.4 million, respectively.

Basic EPS is calculated pursuant to the two-class method to determine income attributable to common shareholders. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing net distributed and undistributed earnings allocated to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted EPS includes the determinants of basic EPS and in addition, reflects the impact of other potentially dilutive shares, including RSU awards that do not contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends, unexercised stock options and convertible debentures. The dilutive effect of participating securities is calculated under the more dilutive of either the treasury method or the two-class method.

Due to the similarities in terms between BlackRock non-voting participating preferred stock and the Company's common stock, the Company considers its participating preferred stock to be a common stock equivalent for purposes of EPS calculations. As such, the Company has included the outstanding non-voting participating preferred stock in the calculation of average basic and diluted shares outstanding.

There were no anti-dilutive RSUs or options for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

Table of Contents**17. Segment Information**

The Company's management directs BlackRock's operations as one business, the asset management business. As such, the Company operates in one business segment in accordance with ASC 280-10, Segment Reporting.

The following table illustrates investment advisory, administration fees, securities lending revenue and performance fees, *BlackRock Solutions*[®] and advisory revenue, distribution fees and other revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended | |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Equity | \$ 1,068 | \$ 1,115 |
| Fixed income | 433 | 394 |
| Multi-asset class | 246 | 221 |
| Alternatives | 221 | 221 |
| Cash management | 89 | 116 |
| Total investment advisory, administration fees, securities lending revenue and performance fees | 2,057 | 2,067 |
| <i>BlackRock Solutions</i> and advisory | 123 | 128 |
| Distribution fees | 19 | 28 |
| Other revenue | 50 | 59 |
| Total revenue | \$ 2,249 | \$ 2,282 |

Table of Contents**17. Segment Information (continued)**

The following table illustrates the Company's total revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, by geographic region. These amounts are aggregated on a legal entity basis and do not necessarily reflect where the customer resides.

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Revenue | | |
| Americas | \$ 1,566 | \$ 1,554 |
| Europe | 572 | 590 |
| Asia-Pacific | 111 | 138 |
| Total revenue | \$ 2,249 | \$ 2,282 |

The following table illustrates the Company's long-lived assets, including goodwill and property and equipment at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 by geographic region. These amounts are aggregated on a legal entity basis and do not necessarily reflect where the asset is physically located.

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, | December 31, |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Long-lived Assets | | |
| Americas | \$ 13,231 | \$ 13,133 |
| Europe | 143 | 123 |
| Asia-Pacific | 70 | 73 |
| Total long-lived assets | \$ 13,444 | \$ 13,329 |

Americas primarily is comprised of the United States, Canada, Brazil and Mexico, while Europe is primarily comprised of the United Kingdom. Asia-Pacific is primarily comprised of Japan, Australia and Hong Kong.

18. Subsequent Events

In connection with securities lending transactions, BlackRock, together with Barclays (as described below), have issued certain indemnifications to clients against potential loss that is a direct result of a borrower's failure to fulfill its obligations (and return securities borrowed) under the securities lending agreement, should the value of the collateral pledged by the borrower at the time of default be insufficient to cover the borrower's obligation under such securities lending agreement. As part of the BGI acquisition, Barclays is contractually obligated to continue providing counterparty default indemnification to several BlackRock securities lending clients through December 1, 2012. BlackRock intends to assume these indemnification obligations prior to or upon the expiration of Barclays' indemnification obligation. Beginning in the second quarter 2012, the Company expects client balances indemnified by BlackRock to increase as a result of this transition and over time as the Company's securities lending activities increase. BlackRock does not currently expect the fair value of these indemnifications to be material to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

In addition to the subsequent events included in the notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company conducted a review for additional subsequent events and determined that no additional subsequent events had occurred that would require accrual or disclosures.

Table of Contents**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations****Forward-looking Statements**

This report, and other statements that BlackRock may make, may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, with respect to BlackRock's future financial or business performance, strategies or expectations.

Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words or phrases such as trend, potential, opportunity, pipeline, believe, comfortable, expect, anticipate, current, intention, estimate, position, assume, outlook, continue, remain, maintain, sustain, seek, expressions, or future or conditional verbs such as will, would, should, could, may or similar expressions.

BlackRock cautions that forward-looking statements are subject to numerous assumptions, risks and uncertainties, which change over time. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and BlackRock assumes no duty to and does not undertake to update forward-looking statements. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in forward-looking statements and future results could differ materially from historical performance.

In addition to risk factors previously disclosed in BlackRock's Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) reports and those identified elsewhere in this report the following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from forward-looking statements or historical performance: (1) the introduction, withdrawal, success and timing of business initiatives and strategies; (2) changes and volatility in political, economic or industry conditions, the interest rate environment, foreign exchange rates or financial and capital markets, which could result in changes in demand for products or services or in the value of assets under management; (3) the relative and absolute investment performance of BlackRock's investment products; (4) the impact of increased competition; (5) the impact of future acquisitions or divestitures; (6) the unfavorable resolution of legal proceedings; (7) the extent and timing of any share repurchases; (8) the impact, extent and timing of technological changes and the adequacy of intellectual property and information security protection; (9) the impact of legislative and regulatory actions and reforms, including the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and regulatory, supervisory or enforcement actions of government agencies relating to BlackRock, Barclays Bank PLC (Barclays) or The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (PNC); (10) terrorist activities, international hostilities and natural disasters, which may adversely affect the general economy, domestic and local financial and capital markets, specific industries or BlackRock; (11) the ability to attract and retain highly talented professionals; (12) fluctuations in the carrying value of BlackRock's economic investments; (13) the impact of changes to tax legislation, including income, payroll and transaction taxes, and taxation on products or transactions, which could affect the value proposition to clients and, generally, the tax position of the Company; (14) BlackRock's success in maintaining the distribution of its products; (15) the impact of BlackRock electing to provide support to its products from time to time and any liabilities related to securities lending or other indemnification obligations; and (16) the impact of problems at other financial institutions or the failure or negative performance of products at other financial institutions.

Table of Contents**Overview**

BlackRock, Inc. (BlackRock or the Company) is the world's largest publicly-traded investment management firm. As of March 31, 2012, the Company managed \$3.684 trillion of assets under management (AUM) on behalf of institutional and individual investors worldwide. The Company provides a wide array of products, including passively and actively managed products in various equities, fixed income, multi-asset class, alternative investment and cash management products. BlackRock offers clients diversified access to global markets through separate accounts, collective investment trusts, open-end and closed-end mutual funds, exchange-traded products, hedge funds and funds of funds. In addition, *BlackRock Solutions*[®] provides market risk management, financial markets advisory and enterprise investment system services to a broad base of clients. Financial markets advisory services include valuation of illiquid securities, dispositions and workout assignments (including long-term portfolio liquidation assignments), risk management and strategic planning and execution.

As of March 31, 2012, equity ownership of BlackRock was as follows:

| | Voting Common Stock | Capital Stock⁽¹⁾ |
|----------|------------------------------------|--|
| PNC | 23.8% | 20.9% |
| Barclays | 2.2% | 19.6% |
| Other | 74.0% | 59.5% |
| | 100.0% | 100.0% |

⁽¹⁾ Includes outstanding common and non-voting preferred stock.

Table of Contents**Overview (continued)****Financial Highlights****(Dollar amounts in millions, except per share data)****(unaudited)**

The following tables summarize BlackRock's operating performance for each of the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011.

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Variance vs. Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------|--|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Amount | % Change |
| GAAP basis: | | | | |
| Total revenue | \$ 2,249 | \$ 2,282 | (\$ 33) | (1%) |
| Total expenses | 1,434 | 1,484 | (50) | (3%) |
| Operating income | \$ 815 | \$ 798 | \$ 17 | 2% |
| Operating margin | 36.2% | 35.0% | 1.2% | 3% |
| Non-operating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests | \$ 20 | \$ 19 | \$ 1 | 5% |
| Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. | \$ 572 | \$ 568 | \$ 4 | 1% |
| Diluted earnings per common share ^(e) | \$ 3.14 | \$ 2.89 | \$ 0.25 | 9% |
| Effective tax rate | 31.5% | 30.5% | 1.0% | 3% |
| As adjusted: | | | | |
| Operating income ^(a) | \$ 825 | \$ 819 | \$ 6 | 1% |
| Operating margin ^(a) | 38.6% | 39.1% | (0.5%) | (1%) |
| Non-operating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests ^(b) | \$ 15 | \$ 14 | \$ 1 | 7% |
| Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. ^{(c) (d)} | \$ 575 | \$ 582 | (\$ 7) | (1%) |
| Diluted earnings per common share ^{(c) (d) (e)} | \$ 3.16 | \$ 2.96 | \$ 0.20 | 7% |
| Effective tax rate ^(d) | 31.5% | 30.1% | 1.4% | 5% |
| Other: | | | | |
| Assets under management (end of period) | \$ 3,684,087 | \$ 3,648,445 | \$ 35,642 | 1% |
| Diluted weighted-average common shares outstanding ^(e) | 181,917,864 | 194,296,504 | (12,378,640) | (6%) |
| Shares outstanding (end of period) | 179,406,494 | 192,243,415 | (12,836,921) | (7%) |
| Book value per share* | \$ 140.72 | \$ 137.44 | \$ 3.28 | 2% |
| Cash dividends declared and paid per share | \$ 1.50 | \$ 1.375 | \$ 0.125 | 9% |

* Total BlackRock stockholders' equity, excluding appropriated retained earnings, divided by total common and preferred shares outstanding at quarter-end.

Table of Contents**Overview (continued)****Financial Highlights**

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BlackRock reports its financial results in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP); however, management believes evaluating the Company's ongoing operating results may be enhanced if investors have additional non-GAAP basis financial measures. Management reviews non-GAAP financial measures to assess ongoing operations and, for the reasons described below, considers them to be effective indicators, for both management and investors, of BlackRock's financial performance over time. BlackRock's management does not advocate that investors consider such non-GAAP financial measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Computations for all periods are derived from the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income as follows:

(a) Operating income, as adjusted, and operating margin, as adjusted:

Operating income, as adjusted, equals operating income, GAAP basis, excluding certain items management deems non-recurring, or transactions that ultimately will not impact BlackRock's book value, as indicated in the table below. Operating income used for operating margin measurement equals operating income, as adjusted, excluding the impact of closed-end fund launch costs and commissions. Operating margin, as adjusted, equals operating income used for operating margin measurement, divided by revenue used for operating margin measurement, as indicated in the table below.

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---|-----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating income, GAAP basis | \$ 815 | \$ 798 |
| Non-GAAP expense adjustments: | | |
| PNC LTIP funding obligation | 5 | 14 |
| Merrill Lynch compensation contribution | | 2 |
| Compensation expense related to appreciation (depreciation) on deferred compensation plans | 5 | 5 |
| Operating income, as adjusted | 825 | 819 |
| Closed-end fund launch costs | | 19 |
| Closed-end fund launch commissions | | 2 |
| Operating income used for operating margin measurement | \$ 825 | \$ 840 |
| Revenue, GAAP basis | \$ 2,249 | \$ 2,282 |
| Non-GAAP adjustments: | | |
| Distribution and servicing costs | (95) | (109) |
| Amortization of deferred sales commissions | (16) | (22) |
| Revenue used for operating margin measurement | \$ 2,138 | \$ 2,151 |
| Operating margin, GAAP basis | 36.2% | 35.0% |
| Operating margin, as adjusted | 38.6% | 39.1% |

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Management believes operating income, as adjusted, and operating margin, as adjusted, are effective indicators of BlackRock's financial performance over time and, therefore, provide useful disclosure to investors.

Operating income, as adjusted:

The portion of compensation expense associated with certain long-term incentive plans (LTIP) that has been or will be funded through the distributions to participants of shares of BlackRock stock held by PNC and a Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. (Merrill Lynch) cash compensation contribution, all of which has been received as of first quarter 2012, has been excluded because these charges ultimately do not impact BlackRock's book value. The expense related to the Merrill Lynch cash compensation contribution ceased at the end of the third quarter 2011.

Compensation expense associated with appreciation (depreciation) on investments related to certain BlackRock deferred compensation plans has been excluded as returns on investments set aside for these plans, which substantially offset this expense, are reported in non-operating income (expense).

Management believes operating income exclusive of these costs is a useful measure in evaluating BlackRock's operating performance and helps enhance the comparability of this information for the reporting periods presented.

Operating margin, as adjusted:

Operating income used for measuring operating margin, as adjusted, is equal to operating income, as adjusted, excluding the impact of closed-end fund launch costs and commissions. Management believes the exclusion of such costs and commissions is useful because these costs can fluctuate considerably and revenues associated with the expenditure of these costs will not fully impact the Company's results until future periods.

Operating margin, as adjusted, allows the Company to compare performance from period-to-period by adjusting for items that may not recur, recur infrequently or may have an economic offset in non-operating income. Examples of such adjustments include restructuring charges, closed-end fund launch costs, commissions paid to certain employees as compensation and fluctuations in compensation expense based on mark-to-market movements in investments held to fund certain compensation plans. The Company also uses operating margin, as adjusted, to monitor corporate performance and efficiency and as a benchmark to compare its performance with other companies. Management uses both the GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures in evaluating the financial performance of BlackRock. The non-GAAP measure by itself may pose limitations because it does not include all of the Company's revenues and expenses.

Revenue used for operating margin, as adjusted, excludes distribution and servicing costs paid to related parties and other third parties. Management believes the exclusion of such costs is useful because it creates consistency in the treatment for certain contracts for similar services, which due to the terms of the contracts, are accounted for under GAAP on a net basis within investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue. Amortization of deferred sales commissions is excluded from revenue used for operating margin measurement, as adjusted, because such costs, over time, substantially offset distribution fee revenue earned by the Company. For each of these items, BlackRock excludes from revenue used for operating margin, as adjusted, the costs related to each of these items as a proxy for such offsetting revenues.

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(b) Non-operating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests, as adjusted:

Non-operating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests ("NCI"), as adjusted, is presented below. The compensation expense offset is recorded in operating income. This compensation expense has been included in non-operating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to NCI, as adjusted, to offset returns on investments set aside for these plans, which are reported in non-operating income (expense), GAAP basis.

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Non-operating income (expense), GAAP basis | \$ 23 | \$ 15 |
| Less: Net income (loss) attributable to NCI | 3 | (4) |
| Non-operating income (expense) ⁽¹⁾ | 20 | 19 |
| Compensation expense related to (appreciation) depreciation on deferred compensation plans | (5) | (5) |
| Non-operating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to NCI, as adjusted | \$ 15 | \$ 14 |

⁽¹⁾ Net of net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests.

Management believes non-operating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to NCI, as adjusted, provides comparability of this information among reporting periods and is an effective measure for reviewing BlackRock's non-operating contribution to its results. As compensation expense associated with (appreciation) depreciation on investments related to certain deferred compensation plans, which is included in operating income, substantially offsets the gain (loss) on the investments set aside for these plans, management believes non-operating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to NCI, as adjusted, provides a useful measure, for both management and investors, of BlackRock's non-operating results that impact book value.

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(c) Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted:

Management believes net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted, and diluted earnings per common share, as adjusted, are useful measures of BlackRock's profitability and financial performance. Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted, equals net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., GAAP basis, adjusted for significant non-recurring items, charges that ultimately will not impact BlackRock's book value or certain tax items that do not impact cash flow.

| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|----------------|
| | March 31, | |
| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions, except per share data)</i> | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., GAAP basis | \$ 572 | \$ 568 |
| Non-GAAP adjustments, net of tax: ^(d) | | |
| PNC LTIP funding obligation | 3 | 9 |
| Merrill Lynch compensation contribution | | 2 |
| Income tax law changes | | 3 |
| Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted | \$ 575 | \$ 582 |
| Allocation of net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted: | | |
| Common shares ^(e) | \$ 574 | \$ 575 |
| Participating restricted stock units | 1 | 7 |
| Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted | \$ 575 | \$ 582 |
| Diluted weighted-average common shares outstanding ^(e) | 181,917,864 | 194,296,504 |
| Diluted earnings per common share, GAAP basis ^(e) | \$ 3.14 | \$ 2.89 |
| Diluted earnings per common share, as adjusted ^(e) | \$ 3.16 | \$ 2.96 |

See note (a) Operating income, as adjusted, and operating margin, as adjusted, for information on PNC LTIP funding obligation and Merrill Lynch compensation contribution.

During the three months ended March 31, 2011, adjustments primarily related to enacted state tax legislation that resulted in the re-measurement of certain net deferred income tax liabilities, primarily related to acquired intangible assets. The resulting increase in income taxes has been excluded from net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted, as this item will not have a cash flow impact and to ensure comparability for periods presented.

(d) For the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, non-GAAP adjustments were tax effected at 31.5% and 33.0%, respectively, reflecting a blended rate applicable to the adjustments.

(e) Non-voting participating preferred shares are considered to be common stock equivalents for purposes of determining basic and diluted earnings per share calculations. Certain unvested restricted stock units are not included in this number as they are deemed participating securities in accordance with required provisions of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 260-10, *Earnings per Share*. For the quarters ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, average outstanding participating securities were 0.2 million and 2.4 million, respectively.

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BlackRock has portfolio managers located around the world, including the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia and Germany. The Company provides a wide array of products, including passively and actively managed equities, fixed income, multi-asset class, cash management and alternatives. BlackRock offers clients diversified access to global markets through separate accounts, collective investment trusts, open-end and closed-end mutual funds, exchange-traded products, hedge funds and funds of funds. BlackRock provides global advisory services for private investment funds and retail products. The Company's non-U.S. investment funds are based in a number of domiciles and cover a range of asset classes, including equities, fixed income, cash management and alternatives.

In the United States, retail offerings include various open-end and closed-end funds, including *iShares*[®], the global product leader in exchange-traded products for institutional, retail and high net worth investors. There are 614 *iShares* globally across equities, fixed income and commodities, which trade like common stocks on 21 exchanges worldwide. *iShares* AUM totaled \$671.7 billion at March 31, 2012. The BlackRock Global Funds, the Company's primary retail fund group offered outside the United States, are authorized for distribution in 35 jurisdictions worldwide. Additional fund offerings include structured products, real estate funds, hedge funds, hedge funds of funds, private equity funds and funds of funds, managed futures funds and exchange funds. These products are sold to both U.S. and non-U.S. high net worth, retail and institutional investors in a wide variety of active and passive strategies covering both equity and fixed income assets.

BlackRock's client base consists of financial institutions and other corporate clients, pension plans, charities, official institutions, such as central banks, sovereign wealth funds, supranational authorities and other government entities, high net worth individuals and retail investors around the world. BlackRock maintains a significant sales and marketing presence both inside and outside the United States that is focused on establishing and maintaining retail and institutional investment management relationships by marketing its services to investors directly and through financial professionals, pension consultants and establishing third-party distribution relationships. BlackRock also distributes its products and services through Merrill Lynch under a global distribution agreement in effect until January 2014. After such term, the agreement will renew for one automatic three-year extension if certain conditions are met.

BlackRock derives a substantial portion of its revenue from investment advisory and administration fees, which are recognized as the services are performed. Such fees are primarily based on pre-determined percentages of the market value of AUM or percentages of committed capital during investment periods of certain alternative products and are affected by changes in AUM, including market appreciation or depreciation, foreign exchange translation and net subscriptions or redemptions. Net subscriptions or redemptions represent the sum of new client assets, additional fundings from existing clients (including dividend reinvestment), withdrawals of assets from, and termination of, client accounts and distributions to investors representing return of capital and return on investments to investors. Market appreciation or depreciation includes current income earned on, and changes in the fair value of, securities held in client accounts. Foreign exchange translation reflects the impact of converting non-U.S. dollar denominated AUM into U.S. dollars for reporting purposes.

BlackRock also earns revenue by lending securities on behalf of clients, primarily to brokerage institutions. The securities loaned are secured by collateral in the form of cash or securities, with minimum collateral generally ranging from approximately 102% to 112% of the value of the loaned securities. The revenue earned is shared between BlackRock and the funds or other third-party accounts managed by the Company from which the securities are borrowed. Historically, securities lending revenue in the second quarter exceeds the other quarters during the year.

Investment advisory agreements for certain separate accounts and investment funds provide for performance fees, based upon relative and/or absolute investment performance, in addition to base fees based on AUM. Investment advisory performance fees generally are earned after a given period of time and when investment performance exceeds a contractual threshold. As such, the timing of recognition of performance fees may increase the volatility of BlackRock's revenue and earnings. Historically, the magnitude of performance fees in the third and fourth quarters generally exceeds the first two calendar quarters in a year due to the greater number of products with performance measurement periods that end on either September 30 or December 31.

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BlackRock provides a variety of risk management, investment analytic and investment system and advisory services to financial institutions, pension funds, asset managers, foundations, consultants, mutual fund sponsors, real estate investment trusts and government agencies. These services are provided under the brand name *BlackRock Solutions* and include a wide array of risk management services, valuation services related to illiquid securities, disposition and workout assignments (including long-term portfolio liquidation assignments), strategic planning and execution, and enterprise investment system outsourcing to clients. Approximately \$12 trillion of positions are processed on the Company's *Aladdin*[®] operating platform, which serves as the investment/risk solutions system for BlackRock and other institutional investors. Fees earned for *BlackRock Solutions* and advisory services are determined using some, or all, of the following methods: (i) fixed fees, (ii) percentages of various attributes of advisory AUM or value of positions on the *Aladdin* platform and (iii) performance fees if contractual thresholds are met.

BlackRock builds upon its leadership position to meet the growing need for investment and risk management solutions. Through its scale and diversity of products, it is able to provide its clients with customized solutions including fiduciary outsourcing for liability-driven investments and overlay strategies for pension plan sponsors, balance sheet management and related services for insurance companies and target date and target return funds, as well as asset allocation portfolios, for retail investors. BlackRock is also able to service these clients via its *Aladdin* platform to provide risk management and other outsourcing services for institutional investors and custom and tailored solutions to address complex risk exposures.

The Company earns fees for transition management services comprised of commissions from acting as an introducing broker-dealer in buying and selling securities on behalf of its customers. Commissions related to transition management services are recorded on a trade-date basis as securities transactions occur.

Operating expenses reflect employee compensation and benefits, distribution and servicing costs, amortization of deferred sales commissions, direct fund expenses, general and administration expenses and amortization of finite-lived intangible assets.

Employee compensation and benefits expense includes salaries, commissions, temporary help, deferred and incentive compensation, employer payroll taxes and related benefit costs.

Distribution and servicing costs, which are primarily AUM driven, include payments made to Merrill Lynch-affiliated entities under a global distribution agreement, to PNC and Barclays, as well as other third parties, primarily associated with obtaining and retaining client investments in certain BlackRock products.

Direct fund expenses primarily consist of third-party non-advisory expenses incurred by BlackRock related to certain funds for the use of index trademarks, reference data for indices, custodial services, fund administration, fund accounting, transfer agent services, shareholder reporting services, legal expenses, audit and tax services as well as other fund-related expenses directly attributable to the non-advisory operations of the fund. These expenses may vary over time with fluctuations in AUM, number of shareholder accounts, or other attributes directly related to volume of business.

General and administration expenses include marketing and promotional, occupancy and office-related costs, portfolio services (including clearing expenses related to transition management services), technology, professional services, communications, closed-end fund launch costs and other general and administration expenses, including foreign currency remeasurement costs.

Non-operating income (expense) includes the effect of changes in the valuations on investments (excluding available-for-sale investments) and earnings on equity method investments, as well as interest and dividend income and interest expense. Other comprehensive income includes changes in valuations related to available-for-sale investments. BlackRock primarily holds seed and co-investments in sponsored investment products that invest in a variety of asset classes, including private equity, distressed credit/mortgage debt securities, hedge funds and real estate. Investments generally are made for co-investment purposes, to establish a performance track record, to hedge exposure to certain deferred compensation plans or for regulatory purposes, including Federal Reserve Bank stock. BlackRock does not engage in proprietary trading or other investment activities that could conflict with the interests of its clients.

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In addition, non-operating income (expense) includes the impact of changes in the valuations of consolidated sponsored investment funds and consolidated collateralized loan obligations. The portion of non-operating income (expense) not attributable to BlackRock is allocated to non-controlling interests on the condensed consolidated statements of income.

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AUM for reporting purposes generally is based upon how investment advisory and administration fees are calculated for each portfolio. Net asset values, total assets, committed assets or other measures may be used to determine portfolio AUM.

| (Dollar amounts in millions) | Variance vs. | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 | March 31, 2011 | December 31, 2011 | March 31, 2011 |
| Equity: | | | | | |
| Active | \$ 297,184 | \$ 275,156 | \$ 343,389 | 8% | (13%) |
| Institutional index | 966,950 | 865,299 | 945,226 | 12% | 2% |
| iShares | 479,585 | 419,651 | 474,966 | 14% | 1% |
| Fixed income: | | | | | |
| Active | 624,723 | 614,804 | 595,314 | 2% | 5% |
| Institutional index | 450,749 | 479,116 | 436,084 | (6%) | 3% |
| iShares | 168,365 | 153,802 | 126,791 | 9% | 33% |
| Multi-asset class | 246,507 | 225,170 | 207,982 | 9% | 19% |
| Alternatives⁽¹⁾: | | | | | |
| Core | 65,788 | 63,647 | 66,657 | 3% | (1%) |
| Currency and commodities | 44,656 | 41,301 | 48,596 | 8% | (8%) |
| Long-term | 3,344,507 | 3,137,946 | 3,245,005 | 7% | 3% |
| Cash management | 241,929 | 254,665 | 256,694 | (5%) | (6%) |
| Sub-total | 3,586,436 | 3,392,611 | 3,501,699 | 6% | 2% |
| Advisory ⁽²⁾ | 97,651 | 120,070 | 146,746 | (19%) | (33%) |
| Total AUM | \$ 3,684,087 | \$ 3,512,681 | \$ 3,648,445 | 5% | 1% |

⁽¹⁾ Data reflects the reclassification of prior period AUM into the current period presentation.

⁽²⁾ Advisory AUM represents long-term portfolio liquidation assignments.

Mix of Assets Under Management by Asset Class

| | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 | March 31, 2011 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Equity: | | | |
| Active | 8% | 8% | 9% |
| Institutional index | 25% | 25% | 27% |
| iShares | 13% | 12% | 13% |
| Fixed income: | | | |
| Active | 17% | 18% | 16% |
| Institutional index | 12% | 14% | 12% |
| iShares | 5% | 4% | 3% |
| Multi-asset class | 7% | 6% | 6% |
| Alternatives⁽¹⁾: | | | |
| Core | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| Currency and commodities | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Long-term | 90% | 90% | 89% |

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| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash management | 7% | 7% | 7% |
| Sub-total | 97% | 97% | 96% |
| Advisory ⁽²⁾ | 3% | 3% | 4% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

(1) Data reflects the reclassification of prior period AUM into the current period presentation.

(2) Advisory AUM represents long-term portfolio liquidation assignments.

Table of Contents**Assets Under Management (continued)**

The following table presents the component changes in BlackRock's AUM for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | December 31, 2011 | Net subscriptions (redemptions) ⁽¹⁾ | Acquisition ⁽²⁾ | Market appreciation (depreciation) | Foreign exchange ⁽³⁾ | March 31, 2012 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Equity: | | | | | | |
| Active | \$ 275,156 | (\$ 4,477) | \$ | \$ 25,215 | \$ 1,290 | \$ 297,184 |
| Institutional index | 865,299 | (452) | 95 | 101,009 | 999 | 966,950 |
| <i>iShares</i> | 419,651 | 7,836 | 3,517 | 46,463 | 2,118 | 479,585 |
| Fixed income: | | | | | | |
| Active | 614,804 | 1,087 | | 8,094 | 738 | 624,723 |
| Institutional index | 479,116 | (29,871) | | 888 | 616 | 450,749 |
| <i>iShares</i> | 153,802 | 9,441 | 3,026 | 1,265 | 831 | 168,365 |
| Multi-asset class | 225,170 | 4,766 | 78 | 14,777 | 1,716 | 246,507 |
| Alternatives: | | | | | | |
| Core | 63,647 | 672 | 5 | 1,335 | 129 | 65,788 |
| Currency and commodities | 41,301 | 672 | 860 | 2,171 | (348) | 44,656 |
| Long-term | 3,137,946 | (10,326) | 7,581 | 201,217 | 8,089 | 3,344,507 |
| Cash management | 254,665 | (14,935) | | 787 | 1,412 | 241,929 |
| Sub-total | 3,392,611 | (25,261) | 7,581 | 202,004 | 9,501 | 3,586,436 |
| Advisory ⁽⁴⁾ | 120,070 | (22,856) | | (309) | 746 | 97,651 |
| Total AUM | \$ 3,512,681 | (\$ 48,117) | \$ 7,581 | \$ 201,695 | \$ 10,247 | \$ 3,684,087 |

(1) Amounts include distributions representing return of capital and return on investment to investors.

(2) Amounts include AUM acquired in the Claymore Investments, Inc. acquisition (the Claymore Transaction) in March 2012.

(3) Foreign exchange reflects the impact of converting non-U.S. dollar denominated AUM into U.S. dollars for reporting purposes.

(4) Advisory AUM represents long-term portfolio liquidation assignments.

AUM increased \$171.4 billion to \$3.684 trillion at March 31, 2012 from \$3.513 trillion at December 31, 2011, driven largely by \$211.9 billion of market and foreign exchange gains and \$7.6 billion of AUM related to the Claymore Transaction.

Net market appreciation of \$201.7 billion included appreciation of \$172.7 billion in equity products, primarily due to higher global equity markets and \$14.8 billion in multi-asset class products, primarily in global asset allocation and target date funds.

The \$10.2 billion increase in AUM from converting non-U.S. dollar denominated AUM into U.S. dollars was primarily due to the weakening of the U.S. dollar, primarily against the pound sterling and euro, partially offset by the strengthening of the U.S. dollar against the Japanese yen.

Total Net Subscriptions (Redemptions). Total net redemptions of \$48.1 billion reflected net redemptions of \$66.8 billion from institutional clients, partially offset by subscriptions of \$18.2 billion from *iShares* clients.

Long-term Net Subscriptions (Redemptions). Net redemptions in long-term products totaled \$10.3 billion including the impact of a previously announced institutional fixed income index redemption that totaled \$36 billion from a single client. Net new business of \$25.7 billion, excluding the previously announced redemption, reflected inflows of: (a) \$17.3 billion in fixed income and equity *iShares*, concentrated in sector-specific strategies for fixed income and regional/country strategies for equity *iShares*, (b) \$6.1 billion in institutional index fixed income products across most strategies, (c) \$4.8 billion in multi-asset class products, reflecting ongoing strength in target date and global asset allocation products,

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(d) \$1.3 billion in alternatives mandates reflecting \$0.7 billion of net inflows across core product offerings, including hedge funds, fund of funds, real estate and private equity and \$0.6 billion of net inflows into commodity and currency products. Net subscriptions were partially offset by \$4.5 billion of outflows from active equity, largely driven by outflows from scientific active equity products.

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Cash Management Net Redemptions. Cash management net outflows of \$14.9 billion were comprised of outflows from institutional clients reflecting the low-rate environment and cyclical trends toward re-risking in the first quarter 2012. Net outflows were partially offset by net inflows into government funds from domestic retail clients.

Advisory Net Redemptions. Advisory AUM outflows of \$22.9 billion were driven by portfolio liquidations disbursements.

The following table presents the component changes in BlackRock's AUM for the twelve months ended March 31, 2012.

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, | Net subscriptions | BGI merger- related | Acquisition | Market appreciation | Foreign | March 31, |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2011 | (redemptions) ⁽¹⁾ | outflow ⁽²⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | (depreciation) | exchange ⁽⁴⁾ | 2012 |
| Equity: | | | | | | | |
| Active | \$ 343,389 | (\$ 29,584) | \$ | \$ | (\$ 15,631) | (\$ 990) | \$ 297,184 |
| Institutional index | 945,226 | 20,887 | (9,900) | 95 | 14,280 | (3,638) | 966,950 |
| iShares | 474,966 | 25,250 | | 3,517 | (20,288) | (3,860) | 479,585 |
| Fixed income: | | | | | | | |
| Active | 595,314 | (13,634) | | | 45,081 | (2,038) | 624,723 |
| Institutional index | 436,084 | (43,884) | | | 58,910 | (361) | 450,749 |
| iShares | 126,791 | 33,977 | | 3,026 | 6,094 | (1,523) | 168,365 |
| Multi-asset class | 207,982 | 32,481 | | 78 | 9,422 | (3,456) | 246,507 |
| Alternatives:⁽⁵⁾ | | | | | | | |
| Core | 66,657 | (912) | | 5 | 166 | (128) | 65,788 |
| Currency and commodities | 48,596 | (2,292) | | 860 | (2,531) | 23 | 44,656 |
| Long-term | 3,245,005 | 22,289 | (9,900) | 7,581 | 95,503 | (15,971) | 3,344,507 |
| Cash management | 256,694 | (13,393) | | | 593 | (1,965) | 241,929 |
| Sub-total | 3,501,699 | 8,896 | (9,900) | 7,581 | 96,096 | (17,936) | 3,586,436 |
| Advisory ⁽⁶⁾ | 146,746 | (48,251) | | | 1,224 | (2,068) | 97,651 |
| Total AUM | \$ 3,648,445 | (\$ 39,355) | (\$ 9,900) | \$ 7,581 | \$ 97,320 | (\$ 20,004) | \$ 3,684,087 |

(1) Amounts include distributions representing return of capital and return on investment to investors.

(2) Amounts include outflows due to manager concentration considerations.

(3) Amounts include AUM acquired in the Claymore Transaction in March 2012.

(4) Foreign exchange reflects the impact of converting non-U.S. dollar denominated AUM into U.S. dollars for reporting purposes.

(5) Data reflects the reclassification of prior period AUM into the current period presentation.

(6) Advisory AUM represents long-term portfolio liquidation assignments.

AUM increased \$35.6 billion, or 1%, to \$3.684 trillion at March 31, 2012 from \$3.648 trillion at March 31, 2011. The increase in AUM was attributable to \$97.3 billion in market gains, \$22.3 billion of net subscriptions in long-term products excluding merger-related outflows, and \$7.6 billion related to the Claymore Transaction, partially offset by \$48.3 billion of advisory distributions, \$20.0 billion in foreign exchange valuation declines, \$13.4 billion of cash management net outflows and \$9.9 billion from a BGI merger-related outflow.

Net market appreciation of \$97.3 billion included \$110.1 billion of appreciation in fixed income products, primarily local currency and U.S. products, and \$9.4 billion in multi-asset class products primarily fiduciary funds, partially offset by net market depreciation of \$21.6 billion in equity products resulting from lower global equity markets in the second half of 2011.

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The \$20.0 billion decrease in AUM from foreign exchange movements was due to the strengthening of the U.S. dollar, primarily against the euro.

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Total Net Subscriptions (Redemptions). Total net redemptions of \$49.3 billion, including BGI merger-related outflows of \$9.9 billion, for the twelve months ended March 31, 2012 included net redemptions of \$112.8 billion from institutional clients, partially offset by net subscriptions of \$60.7 billion from *iShares* clients and \$2.8 billion from retail (primarily U.S.) and high net worth clients.

Long-term Net Subscriptions (Redemptions) excluding BGI merger-related outflows. Net subscriptions in long-term mandates of \$22.3 billion (\$58.3 billion, excluding the previously mentioned \$36 billion redemption from a single client) resulted from net subscriptions of: (a) \$34.0 billion in fixed income *iShares*, concentrated in U.S. sector-specific and U.S. target duration products, (b) \$32.5 billion in multi-asset class products, reflecting strong demand for fiduciary management services, asset allocation products and target-date funds (including *LifePath*[®] portfolios), (c) \$25.3 billion in equity *iShares* net inflows concentrated in regional/country and global strategies and (d) \$20.9 billion of inflows in institutional index equity, concentrated in regional/country and global strategies, partially offset by net outflows in U.S. equity products. These net subscriptions were partially offset by net redemptions of (a) \$43.9 billion in institutional index fixed income products, concentrated in local currency strategies, including a previously announced institutional fixed income index redemption that totaled \$36 billion from a single client, (b) \$43.2 billion of combined outflows across various global active equity strategies and fixed income strategies, partially offset by inflows in sector specific and municipal strategies and (c) \$3.2 billion of net outflows from alternatives, including \$4.3 billion from currency products, partially offset by \$2.0 billion of net inflows in commodity products.

Cash Management Net Redemptions. Cash management net outflows of \$13.4 billion were substantially from institutional clients concentrated in prime strategies. Net outflows were partially offset by net inflows in government funds from domestic institutional and retail and clients.

Advisory Net Redemptions. Advisory AUM outflows of \$48.3 billion were driven by disbursements from portfolio liquidations.

Table of Contents**Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2011****Operating Income and Operating Margin Overview***GAAP*

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Variance | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Amount | % |
| Revenue | \$ 2,249 | \$ 2,282 | (\$ 33) | (1%) |
| Expenses | 1,434 | 1,484 | (50) | (3%) |
| Operating income | \$ 815 | \$ 798 | \$ 17 | 2% |
| <i>Operating margin</i> | 36.2% | 35.0% | 1.2% | 3% |

The increase in operating income and operating margin for the three months ended March 31, 2012 was attributable to the \$50 million net decrease in operating expenses, primarily related to expense discipline combined with the non-recurrence of closed-end fund launch costs that were incurred in the three months ended March 31, 2011. The increases in operating income and operating margin partially were offset by a \$33 million decrease in revenues, primarily related to average market declines, partially offset by improvements in securities lending revenue.

As Adjusted

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Variance | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|----------|------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Amount | % |
| Revenue | \$ 2,249 | \$ 2,282 | (\$ 33) | (1%) |
| Expenses | 1,424 | 1,463 | (39) | (3%) |
| Operating income ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 825 | \$ 819 | \$ 6 | 1% |
| <i>Operating margin⁽¹⁾</i> | 38.6% | 39.1% | (0.5%) | (1%) |

(1) Operating income, as adjusted, and operating margin, as adjusted, are described in more detail in the Overview to Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The increase in operating income, as adjusted, for the three months ended March 31, 2012 was attributable to the \$39 million decrease in expenses, substantially offset by the \$33 million decrease in revenue as discussed above.

Table of Contents**Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2011 (continued)****Revenue**

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Variance | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|----------|-------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Amount | % |
| Investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue: | | | | |
| Equity: | | | | |
| Active | \$ 453 | \$ 511 | (\$ 58) | (11%) |
| Institutional index | 123 | 111 | 12 | 11% |
| <i>iShares</i> | 473 | 463 | 10 | 2% |
| Fixed income: | | | | |
| Active | 279 | 269 | 10 | 4% |
| Institutional index | 50 | 53 | (3) | (6%) |
| <i>iShares</i> | 98 | 71 | 27 | 38% |
| Multi-asset class | 243 | 218 | 25 | 11% |
| Alternatives ⁽¹⁾ : | | | | |
| Core | 135 | 139 | (4) | (3%) |
| Currency and commodities | 34 | 33 | 1 | 3% |
| Long-term | 1,888 | 1,868 | 20 | 1% |
| Cash management | 89 | 116 | (27) | (23%) |
| Total base fees | 1,977 | 1,984 | (7) | % |
| Investment advisory performance fees: | | | | |
| Equity | 19 | 30 | (11) | (37%) |
| Fixed income | 6 | 1 | 5 | 500% |
| Multi-asset class | 3 | 3 | | % |
| Alternatives | 52 | 49 | 3 | 6% |
| Total | 80 | 83 | (3) | (4%) |
| <i>BlackRock Solutions</i> and advisory | 123 | 128 | (5) | (4%) |
| Distribution fees | 19 | 28 | (9) | (32%) |
| Other revenue | 50 | 59 | (9) | (15%) |
| Total revenue | \$ 2,249 | \$ 2,282 | (\$ 33) | (1%) |

⁽¹⁾ Certain prior period information has been reclassified to conform to current period presentation.

The \$33 million decrease in revenues primarily reflected market-related revenue declines and lower distribution fees and other revenue, partially offset by improvements in securities lending revenue.

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Investment Advisory, Administration Fees and Securities Lending Revenue. Investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue were \$1,977 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with \$1,984 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. The current quarter reflected higher fees from the majority of long-term asset classes and a \$39 million increase in securities lending revenue offset by lower fees from active equity and cash management products. Securities lending fees were \$111 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with \$72 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011, reflecting an increase in average balances of securities on loan and higher lending rates.

The table below lists the asset type mix of investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue (collectively base fees) and mix of average AUM by asset class:

| | Mix of Base Fees Three Months Ended March 31, | | Mix of Average AUM by Asset Class ⁽²⁾ March 31, | |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------|--|-------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Equity: | | | | |
| Active | 22% | 25% | 8% | 10% |
| Institutional index <i>iShares</i> | 6% | 6% | 26% | 27% |
| | 24% | 22% | 13% | 13% |
| Fixed income: | | | | |
| Active | 14% | 14% | 18% | 17% |
| Institutional index <i>iShares</i> | 3% | 3% | 13% | 12% |
| | 5% | 4% | 5% | 4% |
| Multi-asset class | 12% | 11% | 7% | 6% |
| Alternatives⁽¹⁾: | | | | |
| Core | 7% | 7% | 2% | 2% |
| Currency and commodities | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% |
| Long-term | 95% | 94% | 93% | 92% |
| Cash management | 5% | 6% | 7% | 8% |
| Total excluding advisory AUM | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

⁽¹⁾ Data reflects the reclassification of prior period AUM into the current period presentation.

⁽²⁾ Average AUM represents a two point average of quarter-end spot AUM.

For the three months ended March 31, 2012, institutional index equity and fixed income were only 9% of total base fees; however, AUM associated with these base fees represented 39% of total average AUM.

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Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2011 (continued)

Revenue (continued)*Performance Fees*

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended | | Variance | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Amount | % |
| Equity | \$ 19 | \$ 30 | (\$ 11) | (37%) |
| Fixed income | 6 | 1 | 5 | 500% |
| Multi-asset class | 3 | 3 | | % |
| Alternatives | 52 | 49 | 3 | 6% |
| Total | \$ 80 | \$ 83 | (\$ 3) | (4%) |

Investment advisory performance fees were \$80 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with \$83 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011.

BlackRock Solutions and Advisory. *BlackRock Solutions* and advisory revenue was \$123 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with \$128 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011, primarily reflecting lower fees from completed advisory assignments, partially offset by higher revenue from additional *Aladdin* mandates in the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Distribution Fees. Distribution fees were \$19 million compared with \$28 million in the three months ended March 31, 2011, primarily due to lower sales and AUM in certain share classes of BlackRock Funds.

Other Revenue. Other revenue decreased \$9 million, largely reflecting lower transition management service fees.

Table of Contents**Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2011 (continued)****Expenses**

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Variance | |
|--|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Amount | % Change |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Employee compensation and benefits | \$ 825 | \$ 830 | (\$ 5) | (1%) |
| Distribution and servicing costs | 95 | 109 | (14) | (13%) |
| Amortization of deferred sales commissions | 16 | 22 | (6) | (27%) |
| Direct fund expenses | 152 | 143 | 9 | 6% |
| General and administration | 307 | 340 | (33) | (10%) |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 39 | 40 | (1) | (3%) |
| Total expenses, GAAP | \$ 1,434 | \$ 1,484 | (\$ 50) | (3%) |
| Total expenses, GAAP | \$ 1,434 | \$ 1,484 | (\$ 50) | (3%) |
| Less non-GAAP expense adjustments: | | | | |
| PNC LTIP funding obligation | 5 | 14 | (9) | (64%) |
| Merrill Lynch compensation contribution | | 2 | (2) | (100%) |
| Compensation expense related to appreciation (depreciation) on deferred compensation plans | 5 | 5 | | % |
| Total non-GAAP expense adjustments | 10 | 21 | (11) | (52%) |
| Total expenses, as adjusted | \$ 1,424 | \$ 1,463 | (\$ 39) | (3%) |

Total GAAP expenses decreased \$50 million, or 3%, to \$1,434 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 from \$1,484 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. Excluding certain items deemed non-recurring by management or transactions that ultimately will not affect the Company's book value, total expenses, as adjusted, decreased \$39 million, or 3%. The decrease in total expenses, as adjusted, primarily relates to lower general and administration expenses and distribution and servicing costs, partially offset by higher direct fund expenses.

Table of Contents**Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2011 (continued)****Expenses (continued)****Employee Compensation and Benefits**

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended | | Variance | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 2012 | March 31, 2011 | Amount | % Change |
| Employee compensation and benefits, GAAP expenses: | \$ 825 | \$ 830 | (\$ 5) | (1%) |
| Less non-GAAP expense adjustments: | | | | |
| PNC LTIP funding obligation | 5 | 14 | (9) | (64%) |
| Merrill Lynch compensation contribution | | 2 | (2) | (100%) |
| Compensation expense related to appreciation (depreciation) on deferred compensation plans | 5 | 5 | | % |
| Total non-GAAP expense adjustments | 10 | 21 | (11) | (52%) |
| Employee compensation and benefits, as adjusted | \$ 815 | \$ 809 | \$ 6 | 1% |

Employee compensation and benefits expense decreased \$5 million to \$825 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 from \$830 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. Employees at March 31, 2012 totaled approximately 9,900 compared with approximately 9,300 at March 31, 2011.

Employee compensation and benefits, as adjusted, increased by \$6 million, primarily due to higher base salaries as a result of higher headcount, partially offset by a net decrease in incentive compensation.

Distribution and Servicing Costs. Distribution and servicing costs decreased \$14 million to \$95 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 from \$109 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. The \$14 million decrease was driven by lower average cash management AUM. These costs include payments to Bank of America/Merrill Lynch under a global distribution agreement, PNC and Barclays, as well as other third parties, primarily associated with the distribution and servicing of client investments in certain BlackRock products.

Distribution and servicing costs for the three months ended March 31, 2012 included \$48 million of costs attributable to Bank of America/Merrill Lynch and affiliates, and \$1 million of costs attributable to PNC and affiliates compared with \$62 million and \$1 million, respectively, in the three months ended March 31, 2011. Distribution and servicing costs related to other third parties, including Barclays, remained flat at \$46 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2011.

Direct Fund Expenses. Direct fund expenses increased \$9 million reflecting an increase in average *iShares* AUM where BlackRock pays certain non-advisory expenses of the funds.

Table of Contents**Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2011 (continued)****Expenses (continued)****General and Administration Expenses**

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended | | Variance | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| | 2012 | March 31, 2011 | Amount | % |
| General and administration expenses: | | | | |
| Marketing and promotional | \$ 83 | \$ 82 | \$ 1 | 1% |
| Occupancy and office related | 64 | 75 | (11) | (15%) |
| Portfolio services | 46 | 45 | 1 | 2% |
| Technology | 38 | 36 | 2 | 6% |
| Professional services | 27 | 29 | (2) | (7%) |
| Communications | 10 | 10 | | % |
| Closed-end fund launch costs | | 19 | (19) | (100%) |
| Other general and administration | 39 | 44 | (5) | (11%) |
| Total general and administration expenses | \$ 307 | \$ 340 | (\$ 33) | (10%) |

General and Administration Expenses. General and administration expenses decreased \$33 million, or 10%, to \$307 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 from \$340 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. The decrease primarily related to the closed-end fund launch costs incurred during three months ended March 31, 2011 associated with the launch of the BlackRock Resources and Commodities Strategy Trust and lower occupancy costs. Marketing and promotional expenses were flat as additional costs to launch the Company's new brand campaign were offset by a decline in travel and promotional expenses. The Company currently expects marketing and promotional expenses to increase in the near term in connection with the new brand campaign.

Non-Operating Income (Expense), Less Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests

Non-operating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 was as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended | | \$ Change |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| | 2012 | March 31, 2011 | |
| Non-operating income (expense), GAAP basis | \$ 23 | \$ 15 | \$ 8 |
| Less: Net income (loss) attributable to NCI ⁽¹⁾ | 3 | (4) | 7 |
| Non-operating income (expense) ⁽²⁾ | 20 | 19 | 1 |
| Compensation expense related to (appreciation) depreciation on deferred compensation plans | (5) | (5) | |
| Non-operating income (expense), as adjusted ⁽²⁾ | \$ 15 | \$ 14 | \$ 1 |

⁽¹⁾ Amounts include a \$12 million and a \$15 million loss attributable to consolidated variable interest entities (VIEs) for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

(2) Net of net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests.

Table of Contents**Non-operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2011**

The components of non-operating income (expense), less net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests, for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | Three Months Ended | | \$ Change |
|--|--------------------|-------|-----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | |
| Net gain (loss) on investments ⁽¹⁾ | | | |
| Private equity | \$ 21 | \$ 8 | \$ 13 |
| Real estate | 1 | 1 | |
| Distressed credit/mortgage funds | 28 | 27 | 1 |
| Hedge funds/funds of hedge funds | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Other investments ⁽²⁾ | (1) | 3 | (4) |
| Sub-total | 55 | 43 | 12 |
| Investments related to deferred compensation plans | 5 | 5 | |
| Total net gain (loss) on investments | 60 | 48 | 12 |
| Interest and dividend income | 9 | 9 | |
| Interest expense | (49) | (38) | (11) |
| Net interest expense | (40) | (29) | (11) |
| Total non-operating income (expense) ⁽¹⁾ | 20 | 19 | 1 |
| Compensation expense related to (appreciation) depreciation on deferred compensation plans | (5) | (5) | |
| Non-operating income (expense), as adjusted ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 15 | \$ 14 | \$ 1 |

⁽¹⁾ Net of net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests.

⁽²⁾ Amount includes net gains (losses) related to equity, fixed income and commodity investments and BlackRock's seed capital hedging program.

Non-operating income, less net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests was \$20 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with \$19 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011. The three months ended March 31, 2012 included \$55 million of net positive marks, primarily on distressed credit/mortgage funds and private equity fund co-investments, partially offset by \$40 million of net interest expense.

Net gains on co-investments and seed investments were \$12 million higher in the three months ended March 31, 2012 than the three months ended March 31, 2011, primarily due an increase in gains on private equity funds.

Net interest expense increased from the three months ended March 31, 2011, primarily due to the May 2011 issuance of \$1.5 billion of long-term debt in connection with the repurchase of Bank of America's remaining ownership interest in BlackRock.

Table of Contents**Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2011*****Income Tax Expense***

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | GAAP | GAAP | As adjusted | As adjusted |
| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | | | | |
| Income before income taxes ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 835 | \$ 817 | \$ 840 | \$ 833 |
| Income tax expense | \$ 263 | \$ 249 | \$ 265 | \$ 251 |
| Effective tax rate | 31.5% | 30.5% | 31.5% | 30.1% |

⁽¹⁾ Net of net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests.

Both the GAAP and as adjusted effective tax rates were 31.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

The GAAP effective tax rate of 30.5% for the three months ended March 31, 2011 included a \$24 million benefit related to the resolution of certain outstanding tax positions, partially offset by a \$3 million non-cash increase due to enacted state tax legislation.

The as adjusted effective tax rate of 30.1% for the three months ended March 31, 2011 included the \$24 million benefit and excluded the \$3 million non-cash increase mentioned above.

Table of Contents**Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2012 compared with the three months ended March 31, 2011 (continued)****Net Income Attributable to BlackRock, Inc.**

The components of net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. and net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted, for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 are as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions, except per share data)</i> | GAAP | | | As adjusted | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------|--------|------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | % | Three Months Ended March 31, | | % |
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | 2012 | 2011 | Change |
| Operating income | \$ 815 | \$ 798 | 2% | \$ 825 | \$ 819 | 1% |
| Non-operating income (expense) ⁽¹⁾ | 20 | 19 | 5% | 15 | 14 | 7% |
| Income tax expense | (263) | (249) | 6% | (265) | (251) | 6% |
| Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. | \$ 572 | \$ 568 | 1% | \$ 575 | \$ 582 | (1%) |
| % attributable to common shares | 99.9% | 98.8% | | 99.9% | 98.8% | |
| Net income attributable to common shares | \$ 571 | \$ 561 | 2% | \$ 574 | \$ 575 | % |
| Diluted weighted-average common shares outstanding ⁽²⁾ | 181,917,864 | 194,296,504 | (6%) | 181,917,864 | 194,296,504 | (6%) |
| Diluted EPS components: | | | | | | |
| Operating income | \$ 3.06 | \$ 2.72 | 13% | \$ 3.10 | \$ 2.79 | 11% |
| Non-operating income (expense) ⁽¹⁾ | 0.08 | 0.06 | 33% | 0.06 | 0.05 | 20% |
| Net income tax benefit | | 0.11 | (100%) | | 0.12 | (100%) |
| Diluted earnings per common share | \$ 3.14 | \$ 2.89 | 9% | \$ 3.16 | \$ 2.96 | 7% |

⁽¹⁾ Net of net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests (redeemable and nonredeemable).

⁽²⁾ Unvested restricted stock units (RSUs) that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends are not included as they are deemed to be participating securities in accordance with GAAP. Upon vesting of the participating RSUs the shares are added to the weighted-average shares outstanding that results in an increase to the percentage of net income attributable to common shares. In addition, non-voting preferred shares are considered to be common stock equivalents for purposes of determining basic and diluted earnings per share.

GAAP. Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. of \$572 million, or \$3.14 per diluted common share, for the three months ended March 31, 2012, rose \$4 million, or \$0.25 per diluted common share, from the quarter ended March 31, 2011. Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. for the three months ended March 31, 2012 included the after-tax effect of the portion of certain LTIP awards to be funded through a capital contribution of BlackRock stock held by PNC of \$3 million.

Net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. of \$568 million for the three months ended March 31, 2011 included the after-tax effect of the portion of certain LTIP awards to be funded through a capital contribution of BlackRock stock held by PNC of \$9 million and a contribution by Merrill Lynch of \$2 million to fund certain compensation of former MLIM employees. Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2011

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included a \$24 million tax benefit related to the resolution of certain outstanding tax positions offset by a \$3 million increase due to enacted state tax legislation.

As Adjusted. Exclusive of the items discussed above, net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc., as adjusted, totaled \$575 million, or \$3.16 per diluted common share, for the three months ended March 31, 2012, compared with \$582 million, or \$2.96 per diluted common share, for the three months ended March 31, 2011.

Net income and diluted earnings per common share, as adjusted, are described in more detail in the Overview to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

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Balance Sheet Overview

As Adjusted Balance Sheet

The following table presents a reconciliation of the Company's condensed consolidated statement of financial condition presented on a GAAP basis to the Company's condensed consolidated statement of financial condition excluding the impact of separate account assets and collateral held under securities lending agreements (directly related to lending securities held by separate account assets) and separate account liabilities and collateral liabilities under securities lending agreements, consolidated VIEs and consolidated sponsored investment funds.

The Company presents the as adjusted balance sheet as additional information to enable investors to eliminate gross presentation of certain assets that have equal and offsetting liabilities or non-controlling interests and ultimately do not have an impact on stockholders' equity (excluding appropriated retained earnings related to consolidated collateralized loan obligations (CLOs)) or cash flows. Management reviews its as adjusted balance sheet, a non-GAAP financial measure, as an economic presentation of its total assets and liabilities; however, it does not advocate that investors consider such non-GAAP financial measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Separate Account Assets and Liabilities and Collateral Held under Securities Lending Agreements

The separate account assets are maintained by a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, which is a registered life insurance company in the United Kingdom, and represent segregated assets held for purposes of funding individual and group pension contracts. In accordance with GAAP, the Company records equal and offsetting separate account liabilities. The separate account assets are not available to creditors of the Company and the holders of the pension contracts have no recourse to the Company. The net investment income attributable to separate account assets accrues directly to the contract owners and is not reported on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of income. While BlackRock has no economic interest in these assets or liabilities, BlackRock earns an investment advisory fee for the service of managing these assets on behalf of the clients.

In addition, the Company records on its condensed consolidated statements of financial condition the collateral received under securities lending arrangements (both cash and non-cash) as its own asset in addition to an equal and offsetting collateral liability for the obligation to return the collateral.

Consolidated VIEs

As of March 31, 2012, BlackRock consolidated five VIEs. The assets of these VIEs are not available to creditors of the Company and the Company has no obligation to settle the liabilities of the VIEs. While BlackRock has no economic interest in these assets or liabilities, BlackRock earns an investment advisory fee for the service of managing these assets on behalf of the clients.

Table of Contents**Balance Sheet Overview (continued)**

| | March 31, 2012 | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------|
| | GAAP Basis | Segregated client assets generating advisory fees in which BlackRock has no economic interest or liability | | Consolidated Sponsored Investment Funds | As Adjusted |
| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | | Separate Account Assets/ Collateral | Consolidated VIEs | | |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,552 | \$ | \$ | \$ 99 | \$ 2,453 |
| Accounts receivable | 2,312 | | | | 2,312 |
| Investments | 1,951 | | | 194 | 1,757 |
| Assets of consolidated VIEs | 1,649 | | 1,649 | | |
| Separate account assets and collateral held under securities lending agreements | 145,509 | 145,509 | | | |
| Other assets ⁽¹⁾ | 1,166 | | | 9 | 1,157 |
| Sub-total | 155,139 | 145,509 | 1,649 | 302 | 7,679 |
| Goodwill and intangible assets, net | 30,379 | | | | 30,379 |
| Total assets | \$ 185,518 | 145,509 | 1,649 | \$ 302 | \$ 38,058 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | \$ 551 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 551 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 1,260 | | | | 1,260 |
| Borrowings ⁽²⁾ | 4,790 | | | | 4,790 |
| Liabilities of consolidated VIEs | 1,556 | | 1,556 | | |
| Separate account liabilities and collateral liabilities under securities lending agreements | 145,509 | 145,509 | | | |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | 5,429 | | | | 5,429 |
| Other liabilities ⁽³⁾ | 820 | | | 38 | 782 |
| Total liabilities | 159,915 | 145,509 | 1,556 | 38 | 12,812 |
| Equity | | | | | |
| Total stockholders' equity | 25,303 | | 57 | | 25,246 |
| Non-controlling interests | 300 | | 36 | 264 | |
| Total equity | 25,603 | | 93 | 264 | 25,246 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 185,518 | \$ 145,509 | \$ 1,649 | \$ 302 | \$ 38,058 |

(1) Amount includes due from related parties, deferred sales commissions, property and equipment and other assets.

(2) Amount includes short-term borrowings and long-term borrowings.

(3) Amount includes due to related parties and other liabilities.

Table of Contents**Balance Sheet Overview (continued)**

The following table presents selected significant components of BlackRock's GAAP condensed consolidated statements of financial condition at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 | Variance | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | | Amount | % Change |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,552 | \$ 3,506 | (\$ 954) | (27%) |
| Accounts receivable | 2,312 | 1,960 | 352 | 18% |
| Investments | 1,951 | 1,631 | 320 | 20% |
| Goodwill and intangible assets, net | 30,379 | 30,148 | 231 | 1% |
| Other assets ⁽¹⁾ | 1,166 | 1,169 | (3) | % |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 551 | 1,383 | (832) | (60%) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 1,260 | 923 | 337 | 37% |
| Borrowings ⁽²⁾ | 4,790 | 4,790 | | % |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | 5,429 | 5,323 | 106 | 2% |
| Other liabilities ⁽³⁾ | 820 | 743 | 77 | 10% |
| Stockholders' equity | 25,303 | 25,048 | 255 | 1% |

(1) Amount includes due from related parties, deferred sales commissions, property and equipment and other assets.

(2) Amount includes short-term borrowings and long-term borrowings.

(3) Amount includes due to related parties and other liabilities.

The following discussion summarizes the significant changes in assets and liabilities. These changes do not include assets and liabilities that are equal and offsetting and have no impact on BlackRock's stockholders' equity.

Cash and Cash Equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 included \$99 million and \$196 million of cash held by consolidated sponsored investment funds, respectively. See Liquidity and Capital Resources for details on the change in cash and cash equivalents for the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Accounts Receivable. Accounts receivable at March 31, 2012 increased \$352 million from December 31, 2011, primarily reflecting increases in unit trust receivables, (substantially offset by an increase in unit trust payables recorded within accounts payable and accrued liabilities) and higher base fees related to AUM growth.

Investments. BlackRock reports its investments on a GAAP basis, which includes investments that are owned by sponsored investment funds deemed to be controlled by BlackRock in accordance with GAAP and, therefore, consolidated even though BlackRock may not own the majority of any such funds. As a result, management reviews its investments on an economic basis, which eliminates the portion of investments that do not impact BlackRock's book value. BlackRock's management does not advocate that investors consider such non-GAAP financial measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP.

The Company presents total investments, as adjusted, to enable investors to understand the portion of its investments that are owned by the Company, net of non-controlling interests, as a gauge to measure the impact of changes in net non-operating gain (loss) on investments to net income (loss) attributable to BlackRock, Inc.

The Company further presents total net economic investment exposure, net of deferred compensation investments and hedged investments, to reflect another gauge for investors as the economic impact of investments held pursuant to deferred compensation arrangements is substantially offset by a change in compensation expense and the impact of hedged investments is substantially mitigated by total return swap hedges. Carried interest capital allocations are excluded as generally there is no impact to BlackRock's stockholders' equity as the balance fluctuates. Finally, the Company's regulatory investment in Federal Reserve Bank stock, which is not subject to market or interest rate risk, is excluded from the

Company's net economic investment exposure.

Table of Contents**Balance Sheet Overview (continued)****Investments (continued)**

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, | December 31, | Variance | |
|--|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Amount | % Change |
| Total investments, GAAP | \$ 1,951 | \$ 1,631 | \$ 320 | 20% |
| Investments held by consolidated sponsored investment funds ⁽¹⁾ | (645) | (587) | (58) | (10%) |
| Net exposure to consolidated investment funds | 451 | 475 | (24) | (5%) |
| Total investments, as adjusted | 1,757 | 1,519 | 238 | 16% |
| Federal Reserve Bank stock | (329) | (328) | (1) | % |
| Carried interest | (66) | (21) | (45) | (214%) |
| Deferred compensation investments | (61) | (65) | 4 | 6% |
| Hedged investments | (148) | (43) | (105) | (244%) |
| Total economic investment exposure | \$ 1,153 | \$ 1,062 | \$ 91 | 9% |

⁽¹⁾ At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, approximately \$645 million and \$587 million, respectively, of BlackRock's total GAAP investments was maintained in sponsored investment funds that are deemed to be controlled by BlackRock in accordance with GAAP, and therefore, are consolidated even though BlackRock may not economically own a majority of such funds.

Total investments, as adjusted, at March 31, 2012 increased \$238 million from December 31, 2011, resulting from \$252 million of purchases/capital contributions, \$76 million for positive market valuations and earnings from equity method investments, and \$45 million of net additional carried interest capital allocations, partially offset by \$110 million of sales/maturities and \$25 million of distributions representing return of capital and return on investments.

The following table represents the carrying value of investments, by asset type, at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, | December 31, | Variance | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Amount | % Change |
| Private equity | \$ 318 | \$ 306 | \$ 12 | 4% |
| Real estate | 115 | 108 | 7 | 6% |
| Distressed credit/mortgage funds | 232 | 217 | 15 | 7% |
| Hedge funds/funds of hedge funds | 245 | 167 | 78 | 47% |
| Other investments ⁽¹⁾ | 243 | 264 | (21) | (8%) |
| Total economic investment exposure | \$ 1,153 | \$ 1,062 | \$ 91 | 9% |

⁽¹⁾ Other investments primarily include seed investments in fixed income, commodities and equity funds/strategies as well as U.K. government securities held for regulatory purposes.

Table of Contents**Balance Sheet Overview (continued)****Investments (continued)**

The following table represents investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis at March 31, 2012:

| (Dollar amounts in millions) | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | Other Investments Not Held at Fair Value ⁽¹⁾ | Investments at March 31, 2012 |
|---|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Total investments, as adjusted ⁽²⁾ | \$ 425 | \$ 144 | \$ 610 | \$ 578 | \$ 1,757 |

⁽¹⁾ Amount includes investments held at cost, amortized cost, carried interest and equity method investments, which include investment companies, which in accordance with GAAP are not accounted for under a fair value measure. In accordance with GAAP, certain equity method investees do not account for both their financial assets and financial liabilities under fair value measures, therefore, the Company's investment in such equity method investees may not represent fair value.

⁽²⁾ Amounts include BlackRock's portion of cash and cash equivalents, other assets and liabilities that are consolidated from non-VIE sponsored investment funds. See Note 5, Fair Value Disclosures, to the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this filing, for total GAAP investments.

Goodwill and Intangible Assets. Goodwill and intangible assets at March 31, 2012 increased \$231 million from December 31, 2011, primarily due to the Claymore Transaction, partially offset by \$39 million of amortization expense.

Other Assets. Other assets at March 31, 2012 decreased \$3 million from December 31, 2011, primarily related to a decrease in other receivables, partially offset by an increase in strategic advisory investments.

Accrued Compensation and Benefits. Accrued compensation and benefits at March 31, 2012 decreased \$832 million from December 31, 2011, primarily related to 2011 incentive compensation cash payments in first quarter 2012, partially offset by the effect of 2012 incentive compensation accruals.

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at March 31, 2012 increased \$337 million from December 31, 2011 due to higher unit trust payables and current income taxes payable.

Deferred Income Tax Liabilities. Deferred income tax liabilities at March 31, 2012 increased \$106 million primarily as a result of the effects of temporary differences associated with deferred stock compensation and investment income, and the Claymore Transaction.

Other Liabilities. Other liabilities at March 31, 2012 increased \$77 million from December 31, 2011, primarily resulting from an increase in deferred carried interest.

Stockholders' Equity. Total stockholders' equity at March 31, 2012 increased \$255 million from December 31, 2011, principally resulting from \$572 million of net income attributable to BlackRock, \$114 million of stock-based compensation expense, \$46 million excess tax benefits from vested stock-based compensation, \$41 million of net issuances of common shares related to employee stock transactions and \$33 million of foreign currency translation adjustments. The increase in stockholders' equity was partially offset by \$285 million of cash dividend payments and \$262 million of stock repurchases, including \$125 million of share buybacks and \$137 million of employee tax withholdings related to employee stock transactions.

Table of Contents**Liquidity and Capital Resources*****BlackRock Cash Flows Excluding the Impact of Consolidated Sponsored Investment Funds and VIEs***

In accordance with GAAP, BlackRock consolidates certain BlackRock sponsored investment funds and CLOs, notwithstanding the fact BlackRock may only have a minority interest, if any, in these funds or CLOs. As a result, BlackRock's condensed consolidated statements of cash flows include the cash flows of consolidated sponsored investment funds and CLOs. The Company uses an adjusted cash flow statement, which excludes the impact of consolidated sponsored investment funds and CLOs, as a supplemental non-GAAP measure to assess liquidity and capital requirements. The Company believes that its cash flows, excluding the impact of the consolidated sponsored investment funds and CLOs, provide investors with useful information on the cash flows of BlackRock relating to its ability to fund additional operating, investing and financing activities. BlackRock's management does not advocate that investors consider such non-GAAP measures in isolation from, or as a substitute for, its cash flows presented in accordance with GAAP.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the Company's condensed consolidated statements of cash flows presented on a GAAP basis to the Company's condensed consolidated statements of cash flows, excluding the impact of the cash flows of consolidated sponsored investment funds and consolidated VIEs:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| | GAAP Basis | Impact on Cash Flows of Consolidated Sponsored Investment Funds | Impact on Cash Flows of Consolidated VIEs | Cash Flows Excluding Impact of Consolidated Sponsored Investment Funds and VIEs |
| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year | \$ 3,506 | \$ 196 | \$ | \$ 3,310 |
| Cash flows from operating activities | (102) | (104) | 81 | (79) |
| Cash flows from investing activities | (487) | (125) | | (362) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | (393) | 132 | (81) | (444) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 28 | | | 28 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (954) | (97) | | (857) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 2,552 | \$ 99 | \$ | \$ 2,453 |

Operating Activities. Sources of BlackRock's operating cash primarily include investment advisory, administration fees and securities lending revenue, performance fees, revenue from *BlackRock Solutions* and advisory products and services, other revenue and distribution fees. BlackRock uses its cash to pay compensation and benefits, distribution and servicing costs, direct fund expenses, general and administration expenses, interest and principal on the Company's borrowings, income taxes, dividends on BlackRock's capital stock, capital expenditures and to purchase co-investments and seed investments.

Cash flows from operating activities, excluding the impact of consolidated sponsored investment funds and VIEs, primarily include the receipt of investment advisory and administration fees, securities lending revenue and other revenue offset by the payment of operating expenses incurred in the normal course of business. Net operating cash outflows for the three months ended March 31, 2012 included the effect of cash payments related to 2011 year-end incentive compensation.

Investing Activities. Cash outflows from investing activities, excluding the impact of consolidated sponsored investment funds and VIEs, for the three months ended March 31, 2012 were \$362 million and primarily included \$210 million for an acquisition, net of cash acquired related to the Claymore Transaction, \$205 million of purchases of investments and \$41 million of purchases of property and equipment, partially offset by \$82 million of net proceeds from sales and maturities of investments and \$12 million of return of capital from equity method investees.

Financing Activities. Cash outflows from financing activities, excluding the impact of consolidated sponsored investment funds and VIEs, for the three months ended March 31, 2012 were \$444 million, including \$285 million of payments for cash dividends and \$262 million of stock repurchases, including \$137 million of employee tax withholdings related to employee stock transactions and \$125 million for share buybacks. Cash outflows from financing activities were partially offset by \$55 million of excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation and \$39

million of proceeds from stock options exercised.

Table of Contents**Capital Resources**

The Company manages its financial condition and funding to maintain appropriate liquidity for the business. Capital resources at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 were as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 | Variance | |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|
| | | | Amount | % Change |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 2,552 | \$ 3,506 | (\$ 954) | (27%) |
| Cash and cash equivalents held by consolidated sponsored investment funds ⁽¹⁾ | (99) | (196) | 97 | 49% |
| Subtotal | 2,453 | 3,310 | (857) | (26%) |
| Credit facility undrawn ⁽²⁾ | 3,400 | 3,400 | | % |
| Total liquidity | \$ 5,853 | \$ 6,710 | (\$ 857) | (13%) |
| Required regulatory capital ⁽³⁾ | \$ 1,218 | \$ 1,196 | \$ 22 | 2% |

⁽¹⁾ The Company may not be able to access such cash to use in its operating activities.

⁽²⁾ In April 2012, the aggregate commitment of the 2012 credit facility was increased from \$3.5 billion to \$3.785 billion.

⁽³⁾ A portion of the required regulatory capital is partially met with cash and cash equivalents.

Total liquidity declined by \$857 million during the three months ended March 31, 2012, primarily reflecting the cash payments of 2011 year-end incentive awards.

During the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Company's net capital requirements increased \$22 million due to increases related to certain European regulated legal entities.

A significant portion of the Company's \$1,757 million of total investments, as adjusted, is illiquid in nature and, as such, may not be readily convertible to cash.

Table of Contents**Liquidity and Capital Resources (continued)**

Investment Commitments. At March 31, 2012, the Company had \$110 million of various capital commitments to fund sponsored investment funds, including funds of private equity funds, real estate funds and distressed credit funds. This amount excludes additional commitments made by consolidated funds of funds to underlying third-party funds as third-party non-controlling interest holders have the legal obligation to fund the respective commitments of such funds of funds. Generally, the timing of the funding of these commitments is unknown and the commitments are callable on demand at any time prior to the expiration of the commitment. These unfunded commitments are not recorded on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of financial condition. The above amount does not include potential future commitments approved by the Company's Capital Committee, but which are not yet legally binding. The Company intends to make additional capital commitments from time to time to fund additional investment products for, and with, its clients.

Carried Interest Claw-back. As a general partner in certain investment funds, including private equity partnerships and certain hedge funds, the Company may receive certain carried interest cash distributions from the partnerships in accordance with distribution provisions of the partnership agreements. The Company may, from time to time, be required to return all or a portion of such distributions to the limited partners in the event the limited partners do not achieve a certain return as specified in the various partnership agreements.

Indemnifications. On behalf of certain clients and with their legal authorization, the Company lends securities to highly rated banks and broker-dealers. In these securities lending transactions, the borrower is required to provide and maintain collateral of cash, marketable securities or highly rated debt securities in an amount representing at least 102% of the market value of the securities borrowed. Securities on loan are marked to market daily to determine if the borrower is required to pledge additional collateral. In connection with these activities, BlackRock, together with Barclays (as described below), has issued certain indemnifications to certain clients against potential loss as a direct result of a borrower's failure to fulfill its obligations under the securities lending agreement should the value of the collateral pledged by the borrower at the time of default be insufficient to cover the borrower's obligations under such securities lending agreement. The amount of securities on loan as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 and subject to indemnification was \$62.4 billion and \$60.4 billion, respectively. The Company held, as agent, cash and securities totaling \$64.4 billion and \$62.2 billion as collateral for indemnified securities on loan at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. As part of the BGI acquisition, Barclays is contractually obligated to continue providing counterparty default indemnification to certain BlackRock securities lending clients through December 1, 2012. As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, \$60.0 billion and \$57.9 billion, respectively, of the on loan balances of those BlackRock clients subject to indemnification were indemnified by Barclays. BlackRock intends to assume these indemnification obligations prior to or upon the expiration of Barclays' indemnification obligation. The Company expects client balances indemnified by BlackRock to increase as a result of this transition and over time as the Company's securities lending activities increase. By the end of the second quarter 2012, the Company expects that BlackRock will have agreed to indemnify certain of its clients for loan balances of approximately \$44.3 billion. The fair value of these indemnifications is not expected to be material to BlackRock's consolidated financial statements.

While the collateral pledged by a borrower is intended to be sufficient to offset the borrower's obligations to return securities borrowed and any other amounts owing to the lender under the relevant securities lending agreement, in the event of a borrower default, the Company can give no assurance that the collateral pledged by the borrower will be sufficient to fulfill such obligations. If the amount of such pledged collateral is not sufficient to fulfill such obligations to a client for whom the Company has provided indemnification, BlackRock would be responsible for the amount of the shortfall. These indemnifications cover only the collateral shortfall described above, and do not in any way, guarantee, assume or otherwise insure the investment performance or return of any cash collateral vehicle into which securities lending cash collateral is invested.

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Short-term Borrowings

The following describes the Company's short-term borrowing arrangements, which the Company has access to utilize.

2012 Revolving Credit Facility. In March 2011, the Company entered into a five-year \$3.5 billion unsecured revolving credit facility (the 2011 credit facility). In March 2012, the 2011 credit facility was amended to extend the maturity date by one year to March 2017 and in April 2012 the amount of the aggregate commitment was increased to \$3.785 billion (the 2012 credit facility). The 2012 credit facility permits the Company to request an additional \$1.0 billion of borrowing capacity, subject to lender credit approval, increasing the overall size of the 2012 credit facility to an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4.785 billion. Interest on borrowings outstanding accrues at a rate based on the applicable London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a spread. The 2012 credit facility requires the Company not to exceed a maximum leverage ratio (ratio of net debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, where net debt equals total debt less unrestricted cash) of 3 to 1, which was satisfied with a ratio of approximately 1 to 1 at March 31, 2012.

The 2012 credit facility provides back-up liquidity, funds ongoing working capital for general corporate purposes and funds various investment opportunities. At March 31, 2012, the Company had \$100 million outstanding under this facility with an interest rate of 1.12% and a maturity during April 2012. During April 2012, the Company rolled over the \$100 million in borrowings at an interest rate of 1.12% and a maturity during May 2012.

As of March 31, 2012, Barclays had a \$214 million participation under the 2012 credit facility. In April 2012, the amount of Barclays participation under the 2012 credit facility was increased to \$255 million.

Commercial Paper Program. On October 14, 2009, BlackRock established a commercial paper program (the CP Program) under which the Company could issue unsecured commercial paper notes (the CP Notes) on a private placement basis up to a maximum aggregate amount outstanding at any time of \$3 billion. On May 13, 2011, BlackRock increased the maximum aggregate amount that may be borrowed under the CP Program from \$3.0 billion to \$3.5 billion. The CP Program is currently supported by the 2012 credit facility.

As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, BlackRock had no CP Notes outstanding.

Share Repurchase Approval. In February 2012, the Board of Directors approved an increase in the availability under the Company's existing share repurchase program to allow for the repurchase of up to 5.0 million shares of BlackRock common stock. The Company repurchased 648,000 shares in open market transactions for approximately \$125 million during the three months ended March 31, 2012. As of March 31, 2012, there were 4,804,000 shares still authorized to be repurchased.

Long-term Borrowings

At March 31, 2012, the principal amount of long-term borrowings was \$4.7 billion. See Note 11, Borrowings, in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 for more information. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Company paid approximately \$24 million of interest on long-term borrowings. Principal repayments and interest requirements as of March 31, 2012 are as follows:

(Dollar amounts in millions)

| Year | Principal | Interest ⁽¹⁾ | Total Payments |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Remainder of 2012 | \$ 500 | \$ 156 | \$ 656 |
| 2013 | 750 | 169 | 919 |
| 2014 | 1,000 | 161 | 1,161 |
| 2015 | | 126 | 126 |
| 2016 | | 126 | 126 |
| 2017 | 700 | 126 | 826 |
| Thereafter | 1,750 | 227 | 1,977 |
| Total | \$ 4,700 | \$ 1,091 | \$ 5,791 |

- (1) Interest payable on the 2013 floating rate notes was calculated using a fixed rate of 1.03% as a result of the interest rate swap entered into in conjunction with the obligation.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources (continued)

Barclays Support of Certain Cash Funds. Barclays has provided capital support agreements to support certain cash management products acquired by BlackRock in the Barclays Global Investors (BGI) acquisition from Barclays (the BGI Transaction). Pursuant to the terms of the capital support agreements, Barclays agreed to cover losses on covered securities within the products in the aggregate of up to \$2.2 billion from December 1, 2009 through December 1, 2013 or until certain criteria are met. BlackRock and Barclays have procedures in place to determine loss events on covered securities within the products and to ensure support payments from Barclays. At March 31, 2012, Barclays' remaining maximum potential obligation in the aggregate under the capital support agreements was \$1.6 billion. At March 31, 2012, BlackRock concluded that although these funds were VIEs, it was not the primary beneficiary (PB) of these funds.

Net Capital Requirements. The Company is required to maintain net capital in certain regulated subsidiaries within a number of jurisdictions, which is partially maintained by retaining cash and cash equivalents in those jurisdictions. As a result, such subsidiaries of the Company may be restricted in their ability to transfer cash between different jurisdictions and to their parents. Additionally, transfers of cash between international jurisdictions, including repatriation to the United States, may have adverse tax consequences that could discourage such transfers.

BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. ("BTC") is chartered as a national bank that does not accept client deposits and whose powers are limited to trust activities. BTC provides investment management services, including investment advisory and securities lending agency services to institutional investors and other clients. BTC is subject to various regulatory capital and liquid asset requirements administered by Federal banking agencies.

At March 31, 2012, the Company was required to maintain approximately \$1,218 million in net capital in certain regulated subsidiaries, including BTC and entities regulated by the Financial Services Authority in the United Kingdom, and was in compliance with all applicable regulatory minimum net capital requirements.

Table of Contents**Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ significantly from those estimates. In addition to Consolidation of VIEs, Fair Value Measurements and Performance Fees/Carried Interest discussed below, see Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies, in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this filing and the Company's Critical Accounting Policies in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in BlackRock's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 28, 2012 (the "Form 10-K") and Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies, in the Form 10-K for further information.

Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities. In the normal course of business, the Company is the manager of various types of sponsored investment vehicles, including collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) or CLOs and sponsored investment funds, which may be considered VIEs in accordance with GAAP. At March 31, 2012, the Company was the PB of five VIEs, including four CLOs and one sponsored private equity fund, which resulted in consolidation.

CLOs. At March 31, 2012, BlackRock was the manager of over 20 CLOs/CDOs and other securitization entities, including the four aforementioned CLOs in which BlackRock, in accordance with ASU 2009-17, *Improvements to Financial Reporting by Enterprises Involved with Variable Interest Entities* (ASU 2009-17), was determined to be the PB, which required BlackRock to consolidate these VIEs. BlackRock was deemed to be the PB because it has the power to direct the activities of the CLO that most significantly impact the entities' economic performance and has the right to receive benefits that potentially could be significant to the VIE. At March 31, 2012, the Company had \$1,613 million and \$1,556 million in assets and liabilities, respectively, on its condensed consolidated statement of financial condition related to these consolidated CLOs. In addition, the Company recorded appropriated retained earnings for the difference between the assets and liabilities, as the CLO noteholders, not BlackRock, ultimately will receive the benefits or absorb the losses associated with the CLO's assets and liabilities. The changes in the assets and liabilities of these CLOs have no impact on net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. or its cash flows. Excluding outstanding management fee receivables, the Company has no risk of loss with its involvement with these VIEs.

Sponsored Private Equity Fund of Funds. As of March 31, 2012, BlackRock was determined to be the PB of one sponsored private equity investment fund of funds in which it had a non-substantive investment and was deemed to absorb the majority of the variability due to its de-facto third-party relationships with other partners in the fund, which limited the ability of the partners to transfer or sell their interests without BlackRock's consent as the general partner of the fund. At March 31, 2012, the Company had recorded \$4 million, \$32 million and \$36 million in cash and cash equivalents, investments and nonredeemable non-controlling interests of consolidated VIEs, respectively, on its condensed consolidated statement of financial condition related to this VIE. The changes in the assets and liabilities of this VIE have no impact on net income attributable to BlackRock, Inc. Excluding outstanding management fee receivables, the Company has no risk of loss with its involvement with this VIE.

Table of Contents**Critical Accounting Policies (continued)**

Fair Value Measurements. The provisions of ASC 820 establish a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value and require companies to disclose the fair value of their financial instruments according to the fair value hierarchy (i.e., Level 1, 2 and 3 inputs, as defined). The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

Level 3 inputs include the most currently available information, including capital account balances for its partnership interests in various alternative investments, which may be adjusted by using the returns of certain market indices. Certain investments that are valued using net asset values and are subject to current redemption restrictions that will not be lifted in the near term are included in Level 3. BlackRock's \$764 million of Level 3 investments, or 39% of total GAAP investments at March 31, 2012, primarily included co-investments in private equity fund of funds and private equity funds, funds of hedge funds as well as alternative hedge funds that invest in distressed credit and mortgage securities and real estate equity products. Many of these investees are investment companies, which record their underlying investments at fair value based on fair value policies established by management of the underlying fund, which could include BlackRock employees. Fair value policies at the underlying fund generally require the fund to utilize pricing/valuation information, including independent appraisals from third-party sources. However, in some instances current valuation information, for illiquid securities or securities in markets that are not active, may not be available from any third-party source or fund management may conclude that the valuations that are available from third-party sources are not reliable. In these instances, fund management may perform model-based analytical valuations that may be used to value these investments.

The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the financial instrument. See Note 2, Significant Accounting Policies, in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this filing for further information regarding fair value measurements.

Performance Fees / Carried Interest. The Company receives performance fees or an incentive allocation from alternative investment products and certain separately managed accounts. These performance fees are earned upon exceeding specified relative and/or absolute investment return thresholds. Such fees are recorded upon completion of the measurement period, which varies by product or account and could be monthly, quarterly, annually or longer.

In addition, the Company receives carried interest from certain alternative products upon exceeding performance thresholds. BlackRock may be required to return all, or part, of such carried interest depending upon performance of these funds. Therefore, BlackRock records carried interest subject to such claw-back provisions in investments or cash to the extent that it is distributed, on its condensed consolidated statements of financial condition. Carried interest is realized and recorded as performance fees upon the earlier of the termination of the investment fund or when the likelihood of claw-back is mathematically improbable. The Company records realized carried interest as performance fees on its condensed consolidated statements of income. The Company records a deferred carried interest liability to the extent it receives cash or capital allocations related to carried interest prior to meeting the revenue recognition criteria.

For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, performance fee revenue totaled \$80 million and \$83 million, respectively. At March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company had \$77 million and \$33 million, respectively, of deferred carried interest recorded in other liabilities on the condensed consolidated statements of financial condition. The ultimate recognition of revenue, if any of these products is unknown.

Accounting Policy Adopted in the Three Months Ended March 31, 2012

Amendments to Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures. On January 1, 2012, the Company adopted the applicable provisions of ASU 2011-04, *Fair Value Measurement: Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs* (ASU 2011-04). ASU 2011-04 clarified existing fair value measurement guidance and changed certain principles or requirements for measuring fair value or disclosing information about fair value measurements. The adoption of ASU 2011-04 did not materially impact BlackRock's condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

AUM Market Price Risk. BlackRock's investment advisory and administration fees are primarily comprised of fees based on a percentage of the value of AUM and, in some cases, performance fees expressed as a percentage of the returns realized on AUM. At March 31, 2012, the majority of the Company's investment advisory and administration fees was based on average or period end AUM of the applicable investment funds or separate accounts. Movements in equity market prices, interest rates/credit spreads, foreign exchange rates or all three could cause the value of AUM to decline, which would result in lower investment advisory and administration fees.

Corporate Investments Portfolio Risks. As a leading investment management firm, BlackRock devotes significant resources across all of its operations to identifying, measuring, monitoring, managing and analyzing market and operating risks, including the management and oversight of its own investment portfolio. The Board of Directors of the Company has adopted guidelines for the review of investments to be made by the Company, requiring, among other things, that investments be reviewed by the Company's Capital Committee or a subset thereof for smaller investments, which consists of senior officers of the Company, and that certain investments may be referred to the Audit Committee or the Board of Directors, depending on the circumstances, for approval.

In the normal course of its business, BlackRock is exposed to equity market price risk, interest rate/credit spread risk and foreign exchange rate risk associated with its corporate investments.

BlackRock has investments primarily in sponsored investment products that invest in a variety of asset classes, including real estate, private equity and hedge funds. Investments generally are made for co-investment purposes, to establish a performance track record, to hedge exposure to certain deferred compensation plans or for regulatory purposes. Currently, the Company has a seed capital hedging program in which it enters into total return swaps to hedge market exposure to certain investments. At March 31, 2012, the outstanding total return swaps had an aggregate notional value of approximately \$148 million.

Table of Contents**Corporate Investments Portfolio Risks (continued)**

At March 31, 2012, approximately \$645 million of BlackRock's total investments were maintained in sponsored investment funds deemed to be controlled by BlackRock in accordance with GAAP and, therefore, are consolidated even though BlackRock may not own a majority of such funds. Excluding the impact of the Federal Reserve Bank stock, carried interest, investments made to hedge exposure to certain deferred compensation plans and certain investments that are hedged via the seed capital hedging program, the Company's economic exposure to its investment portfolio is as follows:

| <i>(Dollar amounts in millions)</i> | March 31, | December 31, | Variance | |
|---|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Amount | % Change |
| Total investments, GAAP | \$ 1,951 | \$ 1,631 | \$ 320 | 20% |
| Investments held by consolidated sponsored investment funds | (645) | (587) | (58) | (10%) |
| Net exposure to consolidated investment funds | 451 | 475 | (24) | (5%) |
| Total investments, as adjusted | 1,757 | 1,519 | 238 | 16% |
| Federal Reserve Bank stock | (329) | (328) | (1) | % |
| Carried interest | (66) | (21) | (45) | (214%) |
| Deferred compensation investments | (61) | (65) | 4 | 6% |
| Hedged investments | (148) | (43) | (105) | (244%) |
| Total economic investment exposure | \$ 1,153 | \$ 1,062 | \$ 91 | 9% |

The economic investment exposure of the portfolio is presented in either the equity market price or the interest rate/credit spread risk disclosures below:

Equity Market Price Risk. At March 31, 2012, the Company's net exposure to market price risk in its investment portfolio was approximately \$672 million of the Company's total economic investment exposure. Investments subject to market price risk include private equity and real estate investments, hedge funds and fund of funds as well as mutual funds. The Company estimates that a hypothetical 10% adverse change in market prices would result in a decrease of approximately \$67.2 million in the carrying value of such investments.

Interest Rate/Credit Spread Risk. At March 31, 2012, the Company was exposed to interest-rate risk and credit spread risk as a result of approximately \$481 million of investments in debt securities and sponsored investment products that invest primarily in debt securities. Management considered a hypothetical 100 basis point fluctuation in interest rates or credit spreads and estimates that the impact of such a fluctuation on these investments, in the aggregate, would result in a decrease, or increase, of approximately \$4 million in the carrying value of such investments.

Foreign Exchange Rate Risk. As discussed above, the Company invests in sponsored investment products that invest in a variety of asset classes. The carrying value of the total economic investment exposure denominated in foreign currencies, primarily the pound sterling and euro was \$217 million at March 31, 2012. A 10% adverse change in the applicable foreign exchange rates would result in approximately a \$21.7 million decline in the carrying value of such investments.

Other Market Risks. By using derivative financial instruments, the Company exposes itself to market risk. Market risk from forward foreign currency exchange contracts is the effect on the value of a financial instrument that results from a change in currency exchange rates. The Company manages exposure to market risk associated with foreign currency exchange contracts by establishing and monitoring parameters that limit the types and degrees of market risk that may be undertaken. At March 31, 2012 the Company has one outstanding forward foreign currency exchange contract with an aggregate notional value of approximately \$44 million.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures. Under the direction of BlackRock's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, BlackRock evaluated the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) at March 31, 2012. Based on this evaluation, BlackRock's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that BlackRock's disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting. There have been no changes in internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2012 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect such internal control over financial reporting.

Table of Contents**PART II OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

From time to time, BlackRock receives subpoenas or other requests for information from various U.S. federal, state governmental and domestic and international regulatory authorities in connection with certain industry-wide or other investigations or proceedings. It is BlackRock's policy to cooperate fully with such inquiries. The Company and certain of its subsidiaries have been named as defendants in various legal actions, including arbitrations and other litigation arising in connection with BlackRock's activities. Additionally, certain of the investment funds that the Company manages are subject to lawsuits, any of which potentially could harm the investment returns of the applicable fund or result in the Company being liable to the funds for any resulting damages.

Management, after consultation with legal counsel, currently does not anticipate that the aggregate liability, if any, arising out of regulatory matters or lawsuits will have a material effect on BlackRock's results of operations, financial position or cash flows. However, there is no assurance as to whether any such pending or threatened matters will have a material effect on BlackRock's results of operations, financial position or cash flows in any future reporting period. Due to uncertainties surrounding the outcome of these matters, management cannot reasonably estimate the possible loss or range of loss that may arise from these matters.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The following is an update to Part I, Item 1A Risk Factors contained in our 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K. For additional risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated, please refer to our 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Securities lending indemnifications may reduce earnings from time to time.

On behalf of certain clients and with their legal authorization, we lend securities to highly rated banks and broker-dealers. In these securities lending transactions, the borrower is required to provide and maintain collateral of cash, marketable securities or highly rated debt securities in an amount representing at least 102% of the market value of the securities borrowed. Securities on loan are marked to market daily to determine if the borrower is required to pledge additional collateral. In connection with these activities, BlackRock, together with Barclays (as described below), has issued certain indemnifications to certain clients against potential loss as a direct result of a borrower's failure to fulfill its obligations under the related securities lending agreement should the value of the collateral pledged by the borrower at the time of default be insufficient to cover the borrower's obligations under such securities lending agreement. The amount of securities on loan as of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 and subject to indemnification was \$62.4 billion and \$60.4 billion, respectively. We held, as agent, cash and securities totaling \$64.4 billion and \$62.2 billion as collateral for indemnified securities on loan at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. As part of the BGI acquisition, Barclays is contractually obligated to continue providing counterparty default indemnification to certain BlackRock securities lending clients through December 1, 2012. As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, \$60.0 billion and \$57.9 billion, respectively, of the on loan balances of those BlackRock clients subject to indemnification were indemnified by Barclays. BlackRock intends to assume these indemnification obligations prior to or upon the expiration of Barclays' indemnification obligation. We expect client balances indemnified by BlackRock to increase as a result of this transition and over time as our securities lending activities increase. By the end of the second quarter 2012, we expect that BlackRock will have agreed to indemnify certain of our clients for loan balances of approximately \$44.3 billion.

While the collateral pledged by a borrower is intended to be sufficient to offset the borrower's obligations to return securities borrowed and any other amounts owing to the lender under the relevant securities lending agreement, in the event of a borrower default, we can give no assurance that the collateral pledged by the borrower will be sufficient to fulfill such obligations. If the amount of such pledged collateral is not sufficient to fulfill such obligations to a client for whom we have provided indemnification, BlackRock would be responsible for the amount of the shortfall, which could result in additional costs to BlackRock that we cannot estimate with certainty at this time. These indemnifications cover only the collateral shortfall described above, and do not in any way, guarantee, assume or otherwise insure the investment performance or return of any cash collateral vehicle into which securities lending cash collateral is invested.

BlackRock may be adversely impacted by legal and regulatory changes in the United States and internationally.

On July 21, 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "DFA") was signed into law in the United States. The DFA is expansive in scope and requires the adoption of extensive regulations and numerous regulatory decisions in order to be implemented. The adoption of these regulations and decisions will in large measure determine the impact of the DFA on BlackRock.

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The DFA and its regulations, and other new laws or regulations, including those affecting money market funds, or changes in enforcement of existing laws or regulations in the United States or internationally, could adversely impact the scope or profitability of BlackRock's business activities, could require BlackRock to change certain business practices and could expose BlackRock to additional costs (including compliance and tax costs) and liabilities, as well as reputational harm. Among other potential impacts of the DFA, provisions of the DFA referred to as the Volcker Rule could, to the extent the final Volcker Rule is determined to apply to BlackRock's activities, adversely impact the method by which BlackRock invests in and operates its investment funds, including private equity funds, hedge funds and fund of funds platforms. Also, if BlackRock were designated a systemically important financial institution, it could be subject to enhanced prudential, supervisory and other requirements, which, individually or in the aggregate, could adversely impact BlackRock's business and operations. Moreover, additional regulations related to money market funds, which, if adopted, could significantly alter money market fund products and the entire money market fund industry. Further, regulations under the DFA relating to regulation of swaps and derivatives could impact the manner by which BlackRock and BlackRock-advised funds and accounts use and trade swaps and other derivatives, and could significantly increase the costs of derivatives trading. Additionally, the SEC, the Internal Revenue Service and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") each continue to review the use of futures and derivatives by mutual funds, which could result in regulations that further limit the use of futures and derivatives by mutual funds. If adopted, these limitations could require BlackRock to change certain mutual fund business practices or to register additional entities with the CFTC, which could result in additional costs and/or restrictions. Regulatory changes could also lead to business disruptions, could adversely impact the value of assets in which BlackRock has invested on behalf of clients and/or via seed or co-investments, and, to the extent the regulations strictly control the activities of financial services firms, could make it more difficult for BlackRock to conduct certain business activities or distinguish itself from competitors. See Part I, Item 1 Business Regulation contained in our 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information regarding certain laws and regulations that affect BlackRock's business.

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During the three months ended March 31, 2012, the Company made the following purchases of its common stock, which is registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act.

| | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs⁽¹⁾ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| January 1, 2012 through January 31, 2012 | 847,655 ⁽²⁾ | \$ 183.39 | 100,000 | 3,485,898 |
| February 1, 2012 through February 29, 2012 | 486,549 ⁽²⁾ | \$ 193.48 | 486,000 | 4,866,000 |
| March 1, 2012 through March 31, 2012 | 63,397 ⁽²⁾ | \$ 198.32 | 62,000 | 4,804,000 |
| Total | 1,397,601 | \$ 187.58 | 648,000 | |

⁽¹⁾ In July 2010, the Company announced a 5.1 million share repurchase program with no stated expiration date. In February 2012, the Board of Directors approved an increase in the availability under the Company's existing share repurchase program to allow for the repurchase of up to 5.0 million shares of BlackRock common stock.

⁽²⁾ Includes purchases made by the Company primarily to satisfy income tax withholding obligations of employees and members of our Board of Directors related to the vesting of certain restricted stock or restricted stock unit awards and purchases made by the Company as part of the publicly announced share repurchase program.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

BLACKROCK, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: May 9, 2012

By: /s/ Ann Marie Petach
Ann Marie Petach
Senior Managing Director &

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